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# PRISONERS 'SET FREE TOO EARLY'

## Police union claims early release scheme brings entire legal system into disrepute

By PHIL REILLY

NEARLY 900 prisoners have been released early from Kent prisons.

One in five of these could have convictions for violent offences – including GBH.

New figures published by the Ministry of Justice show that 889 prisoners were set free under the Government's End of Custody Licence. This was introduced last June to tackle prison overcrowding.

The Police Federation, which represents rank and file officers, said the policy brought the criminal justice system into disrepute.

Damian Green, Tory MP for Ashford, said the figures showed the prison overcrowding crisis was getting worse.

The Tory frontbencher said: "You don't go to jail unless you commit a serious crime.

"There are people who are out on Kent streets who should still be in jail serving their sentence.

"It's not just the danger to the community, people don't have enough respect for a prison sentence. People need to know that if someone commits a crime they will do the time."

Nationally, nearly one in five of the 23,000 offenders released up to 18 days early were convicted of violent offences. In Kent, that would equate to around 170 prisoners.

The Government has said the scheme only applied to prisoners whose offences "are not considered serious enough by the court to justify a long term of imprisonment".

However, PC Ian Pointon, chairman of the Kent Police Federation, said some of those released included people who had committed grievous bodily harm. He added: "[The Government's] definition of a serious violent offence doesn't sit comfortably with me."

PC Pointon said the scheme was "purely about logistics", rather than whether a prisoner was fit to be released. He added that prison overcrowding was a long-term issue that was not the fault of any one government.

Tory MP David Davies, a member of the Home Affairs Select Committee and founder of the group SAFER (Stop All Forms of Early Release), has called for a doubling of the UK's prison population.

Currently, around 82,000 prisoners are in Britain's jails.

Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the probation officer union Napo, said the policy had failed to stabilise the prison population.

He said: "The Government failed to anticipate the surge in prison numbers in the last five or six years and has not taken measures to deal with it. The consequence is they faced the embarrassment of letting people out early, which hasn't worked."

However, a spokeswoman for charity Victim Support said it would "not condemn early release outright".

She added: "Many victims of crime understand that early release is not a necessarily a bad thing because alongside it come safe-

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## Blues eye a full-time win over Reds

THE Conservatives are hoping to turn the entire county blue at the next general election after convincing council gains.

The Tories took control of Maidstone Borough Council for the first time since 1982 this week, and also maintained control of councils in Tunbridge Wells and Swale.

Bob Neill, the shadow local government minister, said the prospect of the party taking all Labour's Kent parliamentary seats at the next general election was "on the cards".

DEFEAT: Gordon Brown and Steven Gerrard both lost to the Blues

The MP for Bromley and Chislehurst said that Kent would be a key battleground and insisted that Thursday night's results showed the party could win.

The Tories recently released a list of just over 100 key target seats, including eight Kent constituencies.

Mr Neill said the size of the Tory vote on Thursday would translate to a 169 seat majority if it were repeated at the next election.

He said: "A 20 per cent lead for the opposition party is the situation that Tony Blair was getting into in the 1990s.

"Gordon Brown has lost the confidence of Middle England. Areas like Gillingham and Medway are the key areas that Labour had succeeded in taking from us. We take Kent seriously."

Stephen Ladyman, Labour MP for South Thanet and a vice-chairman of the party, used a football analogy to explain the situation at the next election.

He said: "It's like being 1-0 down at half-time. How many times do the best teams

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# ‘Brown is the Steven Gerrard of politics’

## Labour MP likens PM to defeated footballer

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win in the last 10 minutes of the game?

“Gordon Brown is the Steven Gerrard of politics – he’ll be the winner at the next election.”

Steven Gerrard’s Liverpool side were knocked out of the Champions League this week by the Blues of Chelsea.

In Maidstone, which had previously been a hung council, the Tories claimed two extra seats, bringing their total to 29 and giving them a clear majority.

Labour lost two seats, leaving them with just a solitary councillor in the county town, while the Liberal Democrats ended the night with 22 councillors. There are also five independents.

In Swale, the Tories tightened their hold on the authority with a gain of one seat, while Labour and the Lib Dems both lost a councillor.

The Conservatives now have 26 seats to Labour’s nine and the Liberal Democrats’ five.

The Tories’ control of Tunbridge Wells was never in doubt having started the night with a 34-seat majority, but they managed to wrest a further three seats off the Liberal Democrats.

They now have 44 seats to the Lib Dems’ four. Labour is not represented at all on the council.

Turnout was marginally down in Maidstone at 36 per cent, whereas Tunbridge Wells was up two points to 39 per cent.

Kent on Sunday visited several polling stations on Thursday and found voters thin on the ground.

In Maidstone, two polling stations were completely empty between 5.45-6.15pm, while at around 8pm at St John’s Church in Tunbridge Wells more people had turned up for the Bible study group meeting than to vote.

Jon Harvey at the Mount Ephraim polling station said that he had not seen any councillors canvassing for votes.

The 37 year old, who is originally from Clapham, said: “I think the Tories have got very complacent here. The level of choice in the area is pathetic.”

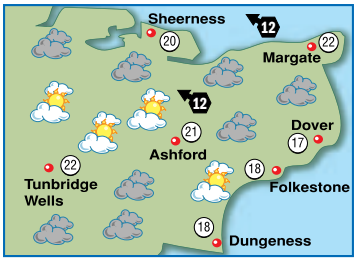
At the hockey club in Maidstone’s Armstrong Road, David and Michelle Stenning, 33 and 34, said they were voting solely on local issues.

Both had previously voted Liberal Democrat, but this time Michelle had switched to the Tories.

She said: “I normally vote Lib Dem, but this is a vote of dissatisfaction.”

• ***Stephen Ladyman claims Gordon Brown is the Steven Gerrard of politics. Kent on Sunday would like to know what footballers you think our politicians are best compared to. Email phil.reilly@kosmedia.co.uk or write to KoS, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR.***

## Kent today




**TODAY:** It is going to be dry during the day with sunny spells, but there is the chance of some showery rain towards evening. A gentle south-easterly breeze. Max temp 20-23C (68-73F). **TONIGHT:** Variable amounts of cloud around and showers. Gentle easterly winds. Min temp 10-13C (50-55F).

## Around Britain

| | | °C | °F | | | °C | °F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aberdeen | cloudy | 13 | 55 | London | rain | 17 | 63 |
| Belfast | cloudy | 20 | 68 | Liverpool | cloudy | 24 | 75 |
| Birmingham | rain | 18 | 64 | Manchester | rain | 21 | 70 |
| B’mouth | rain | 21 | 70 | Newcastle | rain | 17 | 63 |
| Bristol | cloudy | 14 | 57 | Norwich | cloudy | 20 | 68 |
| Cardiff | rain | 18 | 64 | Oxford | rain | 21 | 70 |
| Cork | showers | 15 | 59 | Southsea | cloudy | 19 | 66 |
| Edinburgh | rain | 18 | 64 | S’hampton | rain | 17 | 63 |
| Glasgow | rain | 16 | 61 | Southport | sun | – | – |
| Isle of Man | rain | 13 | 55 | Swansea | rain | 15 | 59 |
| Leeds | thunder | 18 | 64 | Torquay | rain | 16 | 61 |

## Sun & moon

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| Sunrise | 5.20am | Sunset | 8.25pm | Lighting up times: |
| Moonrise | 4.20am | Moonset | 7.37pm | 8.25pm to 5.19am |

## High Tides

| | today | | | | tomorrow | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| Dover | 10.41 | 6.5 | 23.00 | 6.7 | 11.24 | 6.6 | 23.43 | 6.9 |
| Margate | 11.53 | 4.6 | 23.57 | 4.6 | – | – | 12.37 | 4.6 |
| St Mary’s | 04.19 | 5.5 | 16.42 | 5.6 | 05.04 | 5.8 | 17.26 | 5.8 |

## Week ahead

**monday** The odd shower. max 18C min 11C

**tuesday** Dry and fine. max 20C min 11C

**wednesday** Mostly sunny. max 21C min 10C

**thursday** Sunny spells. max 21C min 10C

**friday** Dry, cloudy. max 19C min 10C

**saturday** Variable cloud. max 16C min 8C

# Release scheme ‘working well’

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guards such as measures to monitor and supervise those prisoners who are released early.”

A Ministry for Justice spokesman claimed the scheme was “working well”. He said it is not necessarily the case that offenders held in Kent would stay in the county on release.

He said: “Prisoners with a current conviction for the most serious violent offences and registered sex offenders are not eligible for ECL.

“We are monitoring the scheme carefully. So far the data collected about ECL indicates that the scheme is working well and the rate of recall has been lower than expected.

“Of those released on ECL, just one per cent has been notified to the National Offender Management Service as allegedly offending during the ECL period.”

Gwyn Prosser, the Labour MP who campaigned to prevent an open prison being built at Dover’s Connaught Barracks, said that at the moment there was “no alternative” to the ECL.

He added: “You can’t fast forward the building of new prisons. I honestly don’t think the impact on society of someone coming home two weeks or 18 days early is a very big difference.”

# Betting tycoon wins EU treaty legal fight

MILLIONAIRE Stuart Wheeler has won the right to mount a High Court challenge against the Government’s decision not to hold a referendum on a controversial EU treaty.

The spread-bet tycoon, who owns Chilham Castle, said he was delighted with Friday’s ruling, which means a hearing will take place on June 9-10.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown rejected a public vote on the EU Reform Treaty, which critics have argued is virtually the same as the scrapped EU Constitution.

The treaty was drawn up to replace the EU Constitution, which was rejected by France and Holland in 2005.

Mr Wheeler, 73, a former barrister, said on Friday: “I am delighted to say that in his judgement delivered at the High Court this morning Mr Justice Owen decided that permission to apply for judicial review would be granted to me.”

The Tories’ shadow Foreign Secretary William Hague said: “The Government promised a referendum on the EU Treaty which is the constitution in disguise.

“It would be a great day for democracy if they were forced to honour that promise.”

**REFERENDUM BID:** Stuart Wheeler

However, a Foreign Office spokesman said: “We are confident of the strength of our case on this occasion and look forward to putting our arguments before the court in more detail in due course.”

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FOND FAREWELL: Colleagues and listeners gathered at the radio station to throw a surprise baby shower for Ali Wheeler (centre)

# Tearful Ali swaps Invicta audience for motherhood

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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FROM hanging out with celebrities to hanging out baby grows – it's the end of an era as Ali Wheeler leaves Invicta FM to embrace motherhood.

An emotional Ali was surprised by listeners, fellow DJs and the rest of the breakfast show team as a going-away bash and baby shower was held for the popular host on Friday.

She said: "I'm really sad. Listeners came in and we had lots of presents and once I got over bawling my eyes out it was a really good show and a really good way to say goodbye."

After three years co-hosting the James and Ali in the Morning show, the 33-year-old presenter spoke to KoS and reminisced about her time at the Kent radio station.

"It has been a real journey and absolutely brilliant," she said. "I've done so many things and been given the chance to do things I never imagined I'd do, like skydiving, which I still can't quite believe I did, and flying a helicopter.

"But on the other end of the scale, I did eat a dog-food pie for a feature on Crufts."

She said she loved writing her Ali's Goss column for KOS Media and getting to meet a host of celebrities from Ricky Gervais, who was "amazing", to Leslie Grantham aka Dirty Den, who was "just brilliant".

The enthusiastic former PR girl said: "I'm really going to miss waking up every morning and getting to wake up Kent.

"Every day was different on the show – you'd start a live report and have no idea where it was going to go. It was fantastic to have that interaction with listeners. It is so spontaneous and exciting."

And Ali's not stopping for a minute, moving house with her husband Hayden to Beckenham and redecorating ahead of the baby's arrival July.

Talking about the pregnancy, she said she was looking forward to not having to get up at 4.30am anymore.

"I've had really sleepless nights. It's leaving me shattered. I'm scared but also really excited. With all the hormones I'm fearless one moment and ready to take on the world and the next I'm fearful and want to hide under a rock.

"But at the end of the day I feel like I'm the only one, but I know women who go on to have three or four so it can't be that bad."

### Decision

Although the baby was somewhat of a surprise, Ali said she could not be more thrilled.

She was confident her co-host would make the James Heming in the Morning show a great success.

"Of course I'll miss him. He's my radio husband – I see him more than my own husband. He's become my best friend, so it is not the end just a new phase of our friendship and we'll always have this connection which is really unique."

James' new show will give listeners the chance to win £1,000 every day, and there will be celebrity guests including Channel 4's How to Look Good Naked host Gok Wan and family favourite Keith Chegwin.

She added: "I've had the time of my life. Choosing motherhood has been the hardest decision I've ever had to make but I think it's the right one. I've had a ball and the listeners have made it."

Ali's husband works for a record company in London and living closer to work he will be able to spend more time in the mornings and evening with their first baby.

But she hasn't ruled out a return to radio in the future.

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# Green belt threat

GREEN belt land in Kent could be under threat, according to a report by the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

The report claims the boundaries of green belt land at Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells are to be reviewed with a view to accommodating new housing developments.

The CPRE claims 1,100 hectares have been lost across the country since 1997.

It also claims 45,240 homes have been built on this land – the equivalent of a city the size of Bath.

The CPRE points to two recent decisions in Bromley and Bexley to build on more than 150 hectares of green belt land.

Paul Miner, the CPRE's senior planning campaigner, said the green belt was being "seriously eroded".

He said: "Too much development has already been permitted and some Government inspectors appear to be interpreting green belt policy in their own way.

"This is making a mockery of the permanence which green belts are supposed to have."

# Soldiers' freedom

GURKHAS will march through Sandgate tomorrow as they get the freedom of the town.

The 2nd Battalion, the Royal Gurkha Rifles, which is based at Shorncliffe Barracks, Folkestone, will have the honour conferred by Cllr Geoffrey Boot, Mayor of Sandgate.

Accompanied by a piper, about 60 troops will set off at 11am from Military Road to the Sir John Moore memorial statue, where they will formally be given a Freedom of Sandgate scroll.

A spokesman for the Army: "It is a great honour to be conferred the freedom of Sandgate, a place where the very roots of modern soldiering were planted, and a mark of our continuing strong ties with and place within the local community."

Sir John Moore, often considered the founder of the modern British Army, spent some of his military career at Shorncliffe Barracks, where troops trained to fight the Peninsular War against Napoleon on the Iberian Peninsula.

Cllr Jan Holben, of Sandgate Town Council, said: "We often see the Gurkhas running up or down Military Road, or along The Esplanade, in training kit, usually with a weighted backpack – they are always polite and wish you a good morning or afternoon as they run past.

"If you speak to anybody here they will tell you that they are extremely proud to be associated with the Gurkhas."

# Labourer is guilty of arson killing

A MAN has been found guilty of manslaughter after an arson attack. Stuart Mark Willard, 22, a labourer from Lodge Oak Lane in Tonbridge, was found guilty at Maidstone Crown Court. John Skilton, 46, died in January 2007 from smoke inhalation after he was trapped in his flat in the town's Bridge Close in a fire. Willard was also found guilty of six offences of arson with intent to endanger life and three more of arson. The fires were all in Tonbridge between August 2005 and January 2007. He must serve a minimum of eight years for manslaughter, with three and four year sentences for arson offences to run concurrently.

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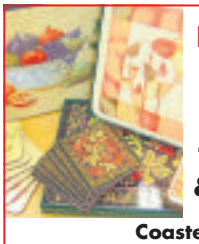

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# Deadly superbug alert after student's death

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CASES of a deadly new strain of the superbug MRSA have increased.

A University of Kent student died after contracting a Panton-Valentine Leukocidin (PVL) infection last year.

PVL is a toxic substance produced by some strains of MRSA, the bacterium that usually infects elderly people and severely ill patients in hospitals. In contrast, previously healthy young adults and children generally contract PVL in the community.

Dr Mathi Chandrakumar, director of the Kent Health Protection Unit, said: "It can affect anyone but particularly children and young adults because of the fact that they have contact with each other."

The latest UK figures from the Health Protection Agency show there were 224 cases of PVL in 2005, which rose to 496 in 2006. Some doctors have warned that serious cases of PVL, which can prove fatal, are likely to increase.

### Cases

Dr Chandrakumar said it would be "very difficult to predict" whether this would be the case. He said: "Generally, infections have gone up. In Kent we had some cases last year – but recently we have not had any."

Medway NHS Foundation Trust said there had been one case last year and that the patient had been treated and fully recovered. Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust reported the same and East Kent NHS Hospitals Trust said it had never dealt with a case of the infection.

A spokeswoman for the HPA confirmed that only one person had died from PVL in the county, the university student, but said there had been a "cluster" of pupils at Cranbrook School, in one of its boarding houses, who were taken ill with the infection last year. They all recovered.

However, PVL can make its victims seriously ill and at an alarming rate. A 10-year-old boy caught the infection after falling in a playground in north London. A newspaper report said that within two days he had gone into septic shock and suffered organ failure. The infection can also get into the skeleton.

The boy is now mainly confined to a wheelchair after he underwent five operations to scrape out the infected bone from his leg and hip.

The HPA said PVL normally causes an inflammation of layers under the skin and pus-producing skin infections, such as abscesses and boils. Some cases, particularly among young adults, can lead to necrotising pneumonia, which eats away at lung tissue and can prove fatal. Dr Chandrakumar said the severity of the infection depended on a lot of factors, including resistance to bacterium and how much PVL entered the body.

But he said parents should not worry because the infection remains rare and the bacterium can be carried on the skin without any harmful effect.

KOS Media has been running a campaign aimed at raising awareness about the importance of hand hygiene in combating healthcare acquired infections such as MRSA and Clostridium difficile.

Although the risk of catching PVL-MRSA is small, the HPA recommends people take simple precautions to protect themselves including hand-washing, regular showering or bathing, regular changing of bed linen and underwear, keeping wounds covered until they heal and avoiding sharing personal items such as toothbrushes and towels.

Microbiologists believe the PVL-MRSA has evolved from strains common in hospitals during the 1950s and '60s. For more information go to www.hpa.org.uk.

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# Stagecoach loses city's park and ride contract

ONE of Kent County Council's commercial companies has beaten private bidders to win a major contract to operate Canterbury's park and ride scheme.

Kent Top Travel does not yet have any buses to operate the routes, but a KCC spokesman insisted that "everything is in hand for a seamless transfer in October".

It is understood that the required fleet would cost £1million.

Kent Top Travel will take over the running of the scheme from Stagecoach, which had held the contract since its inception 17 years ago. It saw off rival bids from three companies, including Stagecoach.

Paul Southgate, Stagecoach's operations manager, said the company was "very disappointed" to lose the contract.

The decision was made by Conservative-run Canterbury City Council. Liberal Democrat opposition leader Cllr Alex Perkins criticised the council for making the decision "behind closed doors". He said: "Nobody outside the council's cabinet has been given any details of the deal."

An insider questioned if Canterbury's decision had been affected by its "reliance on KCC to provide discretionary funding for slip roads in Wincheap, the Beaney Institute and the Marlowe Theatre".

But a council spokesman insisted the deal was conducted with "utmost propriety". KCC has fended off criticism of a lack of transparency in its commercial operations, not least after Cllr Mike Snelling neglected to declare an interest during a recent debate.

Cllr Snelling is a non-executive director of Kent Top Temps, a recruitment company run by KCC. Private sector anger is mounting over competition from KCC, leading to accusations that it is cross-subsidising its commercial firms, which the council denies.

# April sees 1.3% house price drop

HOUSE prices fell by 1.3 per cent last month, according to the Halifax.

New data from Britain's biggest mortgage lender shows that house prices are now 0.9 per cent lower than they were in April 2007.

The lender said a squeeze on consumer spending was part to blame for the decline in prices.

It also pointed to the large rise in residential property values over recent years.

Halifax said prices have fallen by 4.2 per cent since the beginning of the year.

It expects to see a "mid-single digit" drop in prices over the year, but warned there would be regional variations.

Earlier this week, Halifax's parent company HBOS unveiled a £4billion rights issue to strengthen its capital position in what it described as a "deteriorating credit environment".

Analysts said house prices were "buckling markedly under the double whammy of stretched buyer affordability and very tight lending conditions".

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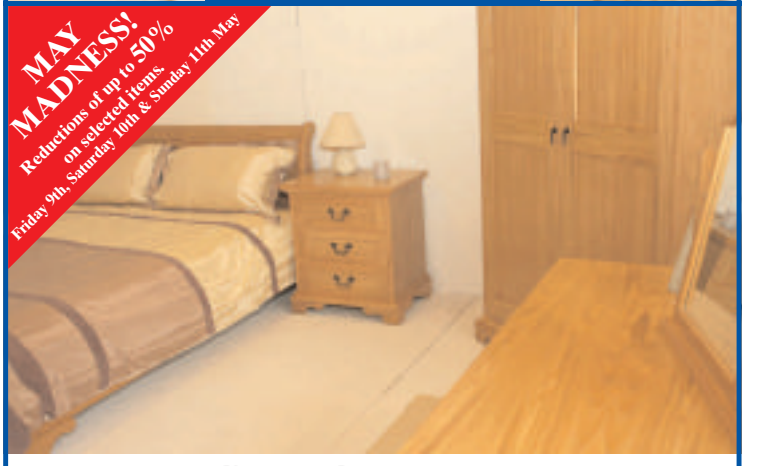


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# Baby-boomers rejoice! Hornby now owns Corgi

MARGATE-BASED Hornby this week pushed ahead with global expansion plans by snapping up famous die-cast model business Corgi Classics for £7.5 million.

Corgi is one of the world's oldest makers of collectible models of trucks, buses, cars and planes.

Hornby chief executive Frank Martin said: "Corgi is a fantastic brand and has a superb reputation worldwide.

"We intend to build on the brand's heritage and invest to build its position in the market. The strategic fit with our businesses could not be better.

"We have a detailed integration plan to ensure we improve Corgi's performance rapidly. This acquisition is an extension of the Hornby group's strategy to build an international hobby and collectibles business with a broad range of brands."

NOSTALGIA TRIP: Corgi's Batmobile

POLE POSITION: Hornby chief executive Frank Martin is delighted with the Corgi deal

Established by the Mettoy Company in Northampton, the firm started producing pressed metal toys in the 1930s.

The Corgi brand was born in 1956 and at its height was selling millions of toys a year, including the Batmobile, the Lotus John Player Special Formula One car and the James Bond Aston Martin DB5. Its products captured the imagination of millions of baby-boomers and models in good condition now fetch high prices in the expanding collectibles market. Recently, it moved production to the Far East. Hornby brands include Lima, Jouef and Rivarossi in model railways, Scalextric, Airfix and Humbrol. As part of the Corgi deal, Hornby is also getting Bassett-Lowke, a top-end model railway brand.

# Oil giant takes wind out of estuary project's sails

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GERMAN-OWNED energy company E.ON is considering buying oil giant Shell's share in the world's largest offshore wind farm planned off the coast of Kent.

The world's second largest oil company threw the future of the £2 billion London Array into doubt after announcing its decision to pull out of the project on Wednesday.

Environmental campaigners have attacked the decision and Green MEP Caroline Lucas said the company was being "greedy, irresponsible and backward-looking".

But Shell appeared to shift the blame for its decision onto Westminster, saying it would continue to pursue its wind energy interests in the United States where there are "government incentives to deliver what we believe are competitive returns".

E.ON, which is Shell's equal partner in the project, said it was "disappointed" by the loss of the 33 per cent stake.

Asked whether the company was now looking to buy out Shell's stake, a spokesman said: "That is a possibility, but we are considering our options. We believe it is in everyone's interest that the partners come to a conclusion as soon as possible."

If the wind farm, which would be 12 miles offshore in the outer Thames Estuary, goes ahead it would produce enough clean, renewable power to supply a quarter of Greater London homes.

Paul Golby, E.ON UK's chief executive, said: "We are very disappointed by Shell's decision but will continue to work with them as we look to find a way forward. At the very least, some delay to the project is now inevitable.

"While we remain committed to the scheme, Shell has introduced a new element of risk which will need to be assessed.

"The economics of the project are marginal at best, with rising steel prices, bottlenecks in turbine supply and competition from the rest of the world all moving against us."

Shell this week revealed first quarter profits of £4 billion.

Charlie Kronick, a Greenpeace climate campaigner, said: "Shell and other oil companies have never been serious about investing in renewable energy.

"The company's shares in London Array were its last token commitment to renewable energy after selling off their solar interests last year at a discount price. And now they've even ditched this."

He said Shell, along with other oil majors, was investing millions to extract oil from the Canadian tar sands. Critics say this damages forests and the environment.

A spokesman for Shell said: "As part of an ongoing review of projects and investment choices, Shell has taken the strategic decision to look at disposing of its shareholding in London Array.

"We constantly review our projects and investment choices, focusing on capital discipline and efficiency. In this context the London Array project, which is still in its development phase, is being looked at as part of an ongoing process."

The London Array is part of the Government's plans to meet the EU target of producing 20 per cent of the country's total energy from renewables by 2020.

The other partner on the project is wind power specialist DONG Energy, which is majority-owned by the Danish government.

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# Why we must stockpile oil

By **PHIL REILLY**
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A LABOUR MP has called for the Government to stockpile oil reserves in the face of a long-term global crisis.

Derek Wyatt, who represents Sittingbourne and Sheppey, warned that high oil prices will be with us for many years and called for a rethink in the UK's approach to the crisis.

He said military bases should be used by the Government to stockpile oil.

He said: "This is a profound issue. I think we have to ask army, navy and air force bases that hold oil to double their capacity.

"Oil will rise to $500 a barrel in five years and it will affect every western democracy.

"If you don't have a public sector holding of oil you're in real trouble."

Mr Wyatt said Britain "can't solve this on its own" and insisted that international institutions such as the United Nations move too slowly to deal with global crises.

He was speaking in the wake of a protest by hauliers in Westminster this week, dozens of whom were from his own constituency.

The group met at the Medway services on the M2 on Tuesday morning before leaving to join others from around the country to protest in London's Park Lane.

They are angry at the steep rise in diesel prices, which have shot up by 30 per cent in the last year.

It comes against a backdrop of huge profits for oil companies benefiting from the surge in oil prices. BP announced this week that its net profits had risen to £3.84 billion in the first quarter of 2008, an increase of more than 60 per cent compared with the same period in 2007.

The hauliers claimed the cost of running a goods-carrying lorry was now more than £1,000 a week.

Mr Wyatt, who met the protestors as they delivered a symbolic coffin to the Houses of Parliament, said the Government should act to help them.

He called for British hauliers to receive a fuel rebate.

"I think that is reasonable," he said. "It is not a level playing field. They are losing £3,000 to £5,000 a week because of the fuel increases as well as bigger insurance fees."

Mr Wyatt said the result of the US presidential election in November would have a huge bearing on the international oil markets.

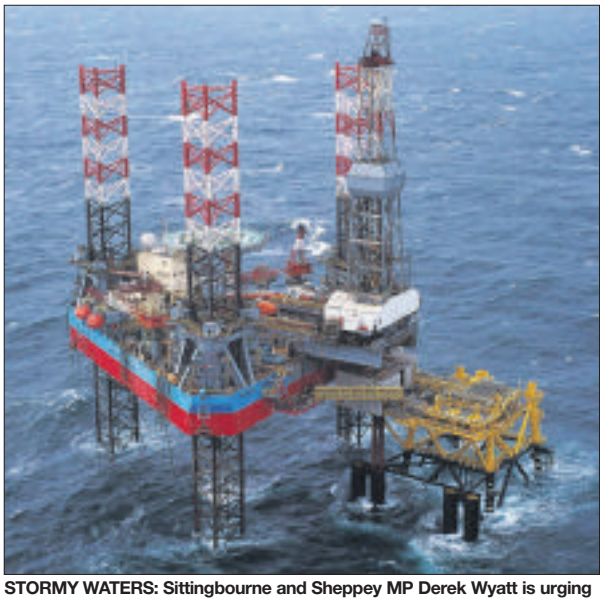
He added: "The futures market is taking the view that John McCain is going to bomb Iran, which is one of the biggest oil holders.

"Hillary Clinton has also made comments about Iran that were ill-thought through."

Mrs Clinton said that if Tehran ordered nuclear attacks on Israel, she would respond by "obliterating" the country.

Mr Wyatt said he hoped Barack Obama would win the election, having met the politician in Chicago last week.

"I was thoroughly impressed. He is the fundamental Kennedy figure for the 21st century," he said.



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# Violent video games are harmless fun for adults

## Will you let your child play?

By JAMIE McGINNES
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GRAND Theft Auto IV, the latest in the notorious computer game series, has arrived – and with it an inevitable round of condemnation.

The first GTA title was published a decade ago and since then, the franchise has become one of the most popular in the world.

It is a big success story for British developer Rockstar Games, which now has outlets across the UK and North America.

The company has constantly courted controversy. In March, it overturned a ban by the British Board of Film Classification on Manhunt 2, which was originally outlawed for being "sadistic, brutal and bleak".

The premise of the GTA series is much less horrific, but is certainly not for the squeamish. Players progress through the games by stealing cars, killing other criminals and evading the police.

In fact, the fictional cities allow them to do pretty much whatever they want – from running over pedestrians and robbing banks to picking up prostitutes and closing drug deals.

GTA IV, which was released on Tuesday, carries on where the previous titles left off – plunging the player into a criminal underworld in which rival gangs vie for territory.

You play Eastern European immigrant Niko Bellic, newly arrived in Liberty City, who starts working for his bungling taxi firm owner cousin Roman.

It is not long before you are tasked with saving your relative from thugs he owes money to – by punching, kicking and head-butting them into submission. Other early plot lines include gunning down a gang attempting to mete out some punishment to a pal and helping someone escape arrest by losing police in a high-speed getaway.

Another mission sees you scaring a shop owner into paying protection money by flinging a brick through his window.

Although clearly not for the faint-hearted, the content is actually much less extreme than many other computer games available and a lot less shocking than any number of horror films that also have an 18 certificate.

There is undoubtedly a problem with children being able to get hold of games like GTA IV and that may be because of the speed at which the industry has expanded over the last 20 or so years. It is only now that many parents are aware of the adult content of games that are available.

Children should no doubt be stopped from playing 18 ratings games like GTA IV and that is the responsibility of shop owners and parents. For adults, it is nothing more than harmless escapism.

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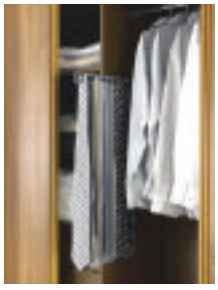

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# A culture of fear links the King to Grand Theft Auto

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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PANIC over the digital world of the internet and video games is a recycling of the fears and anxieties parents have over the perceived dangers of the real world, according to a Kent professor.

The arrival of Grand Theft Auto IV has been met with worldwide excitement from gamers who are expected to spend £200 million on the video game in its first week of release.

But the highly realistic rendering of the game, which sees its main character run over pedestrians, shoot police and sleep with prostitutes, has been criticised by parent groups and pro-censorship advocates.

Frank Furedi, professor of sociology at the University of Kent, believes the hysteria surrounding video games from some quarters is part of a general "culture of fear" that has shrouded modern society.

He said: "Children have been prevented from walking the streets and playing outside. Video games have become part and parcel of a new 'bedroom culture', which seems to have created some very hysterical reactions about what the children are getting up to and gaming is one of them."

Prof Furedi said the same kind of moral panic had been seen for decades, when new media has a violent – such as the shootings in Westerns – or sexual content.

Leslie Benzies, president of the company behind GTA, Rockstar North, has compared his critics to the kind of people who complained about Elvis Presley in the 1950s.

But as the father of a 12-year-old boy, Prof Furedi, said he did understand parents who found it disturbing that young children played games with copious use of bad language and featuring sex with prostitutes.

Asked whether he would allow his son to play the 18-rated game, he said: "I would have to think about it. I would rather have a look myself.

"It is not so much the violence, I'd be more worried about the signals it sends about sexual and moral behaviour.

"You have got to talk to your kids about the world as it is. It is parents' responsibility to make their children media literate.

"I do not have that much of a problem with GTA – it is done in good humour. Most children can distinguish between reality and a video game and it is sad if adults do not see that."

ACTION: Fans are expected to spend £200 million in the first week of GTA IV's release

## Irresponsible

Julian Brazier, the Conservative MP for Canterbury and Whitstable, who has been campaigning for more films and video games with violent and sexual content to be banned, described GTA as "just one more example of a game being released, which is looking to encourage young people into irresponsible behaviour".

He added: "Young people are easily influenced and even adults can be influenced by violence on the screen. And in video games it is not just on screen – players are actively participating in violence."

Mr Brazier the game could easily fall into the hands of under 18s.

Prof Furedi said it was more important for parents to take responsibility and explain to children what is right and wrong.

He said: "Children are always testing boundaries, wanting to see films and play video games for adults. They have to learn to deal with their parents' decision.

"But at the end of the day these are just games, they are not going to destroy their children's way of life. And most kids would rather be hanging out in the park with their friends.

"Society is recycling fears and anxieties about the outdoors and strangers into a new area, which is having the same unhelpful effect."

A CLINICAL psychologist was commissioned to explore the effect of new technology on children – and her findings were published last month.

Dr Tanya Byron found that although there is a correlation between playing violent games and aggressive behaviour there is no evidence that one causes the other.

Her report urged caution when making direct links between violence on and off screen because research shows that context and the characteristics of each child mediates the effects of playing video games.

Young children, aged under 12, are more likely to be affected by video games because the part of the brain that distinguishes between good and bad actions and recognises the consequences of those actions is still developing, Dr Byron said.

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# New powers for concert police

POLICE have been given new powers during Radio One's Big Weekend in Maidstone.

Kent Police will be able to use a dispersal order which takes effect the day before the festival, Friday, May 9, at Mote Park and ends on Sunday, May 11.

Officers will break-up groups of people who are lingering without tickets and behaving antisocially. More than half a million people have registered online for the free festival, which is headlined by Madonna.

There are 30,000 tickets on offer and the line-up also includes Duffy, Usher, The Kooks and Scouting for Girls.

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# MP Shaw in mission to block whaling

SHARP END: Fisheries Minister Jonathan Shaw (inset), the Chatham and Aylesford MP, opposes any return to legal commercial whaling

By **PHIL REILLY**
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THE fisheries minister is flying to Chile in a bid to enlist more countries to oppose the "barbaric" practice of commercial whaling.

Jonathan Shaw, the Labour MP for Chatham and Aylesford, will be travelling to the International Whaling Conference in Santiago in June.

The International Whaling Commission bans the hunting of whales for commercial reasons, although some countries want the ban lifted.

Britain is one of the nations forming a majority within the commission to block these attempts. However, Mr Shaw said that some countries, including Japan, Norway and Denmark, want a return to legal commercial whaling.

He said: "We haven't had commercial whaling since the 1960s, but there is no consensus. At the moment Britain is one of the leading nations to make sure there is a blocking majority to stop whaling. I have to work with other countries to make sure that majority continues."

He is also planning to speak out against so-called "scientific whaling", which is legal.

It is a practice that Japanese fleets are engaged in where whales are killed in order to gauge their numbers.

Last November, Japan sent a fleet of four ships into the South Pacific with the aim of killing up to 1,000 whales in the name of scientific research.

These were mostly minke whales, although there were smaller quotas for fin and humpback whales.

Ultimately they only killed 551 minke after being dogged by anti-whaling activists, whom the Japanese accused of sabotage.

Mr Shaw added: "We have never seen any of their research. It has not been peer reviewed and not been subject to independent scrutiny. Japan last year announced they were intending to kill humpback whales – these are endangered. There is a huge amount of public and political pressure. I summoned the deputy ambassador to explain and for him to understand our displeasure.

"I asked for reassurance that they would never announce they would hunt humpback whales again. He wouldn't give me that assurance."

According to Greenpeace, which had activists trailing the Japanese ships, whale populations have not recovered despite the ban on commercial whaling.

They claim that research shows there were about 1.5 million humpback whales before the onset of commercial whaling in the 1800s – that number is now 20,000.

A spokesman said it is not known if some species will ever recover.

He said: "The statistics say it all. The blue whales of the Antarctic are at less than one per cent of their original numbers, despite 40 years of protection. Some populations of whales are recovering but some are not."

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# 'Give mobile callers right to roam'

A TORY frontbencher has begun a bid to promote the use of network sharing so mobile phone users get the best signal wherever they are in the country.

Greg Clark, the MP for Tunbridge Wells, unveiled his Right to Roam Bill in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

Introducing network sharing would reduce the number of mobile phone masts and address health concerns, especially when they are located near schools, he said.

The users of the 70 million mobile phones across the country would benefit from improved reception if the bill is passed.

Mr Clark said: "Mobile phone blackspots are a constant irritation, especially when travelling or in rural areas.

"My bill encourages mobile phone companies to share their networks to ensure the very best possible signal is provided to your phone wherever you are in the country."

He said the numbers of new base stations and masts would decrease significantly, which would help solve planning permission problems.

"This is not rocket science," Mr Clark said.

"Roaming is already commonplace in Europe and beyond. Whenever you receive a mobile phone call when abroad, you are roaming. Your home provider will not normally provide a service in the country in which you are travelling, so you will roam onto a foreign network.

"For providing this service, the foreign network operator will charge your home operator.

"In the UK, roaming would work in exactly the same way. Your mobile phone would pick up the strongest network signal and use this for your call."

# Streets reclaimed in a job well done

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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DRUG dealing, burglary and violent crime were rife at two housing estates in north Kent, making them constant fixtures on the county's list of high crime areas.

But within two years a police crackdown led by Chief Superintendent Gary Beautridge has meant North Farm and Christian Fields in Gravesend have been reclaimed from the criminals.

"We have been holding people to account for what they do, from burgling homes and selling drugs to dropping litter," said Mr Beautridge.

"If we have the information or the evidence we will do something about it."

Two years ago the north Kent policing area was listed as "failing" in performance reports across the board.

Mr Beautridge was brought in to reduce soaring crime levels and tackle criminals that had been given free rein in the area.

The tough-talking police chief listed improving the notorious estates during a six-month crackdown as one of the biggest achievements during his time as area commander.

He said: "The overwhelming majority of residents are lovely, decent, law-abiding people.

"We had a patrolling strategy which was used very much on the frontline and through enforcement. We had 'walking enforcement', talking to people and making out arrests, as well as forcing entry and carrying out search warrants."

In partnership with Gravesham District Council, Mr Beautridge agreed to eviction notices so those convicted of burglary or selling drugs would be forced out of the area.

**TOP COP: Gary Beautridge's leadership has cleaned up two housing estates**

He said the strategy was about making the criminals "uncomfortable".

Overall crime levels in north Kent have improved 25 per cent and house burglary is down by 20 per cent since he took over.

At the same time, sanctioned detection rates have gone up, which means more people are getting punished for their crimes through, for example, being charged, cautioned or fined.

Mr Beautridge said north Kent had the highest sanctioned detection rates in the county for the last two years.

He said there were advantages taking on such a big job because he was able to come in and take a fresh look at the situation.

"We restructured our approach to investigating crime and how we responded to incidents. It gave me a chance to sit down with partners and work out how we work together," he said.

Mr Beautridge praised the support received from other organisations, including Gravesham council and Dartford Borough Council.

An operation to make life a misery for drug dealers has seen assets stripped from pushers, with just under £900,000 seized, he said. His officers have also seized drugs – including heroin, cocaine and ecstasy – worth £1.25 million since June last year.

And as well as arresting and prosecuting where possible, a further 460 people have been offered drug treatment programmes.

"I wouldn't say north Kent is riddled with drugs any more than other areas, but we are taking an innovative approach.

"We offer people an alternative if they are on drugs, as well as launching a series of enforcement campaigns," he said.

This has been Mr Beautridge's final assignment for Kent Police. This is his last year in the post and he is taking early retirement.

He leaves a staff with hugely boosted morale – the area used to have the worse staff sickness rate in the county and now has the best.

"We have exceptional staff here. Their bravery and professionalism have been humbling," he said.

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# Leper graves at cricket ground

A HOUSING development at Kent County Cricket Club's St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury has found human remains from a medieval leper cemetery.

Persimmon Homes is building 70 homes at the site, opposite the Bat and Ball pub in Old Dover Road. A Canterbury Archaeology Trust survey discovered the graveyard last year.

St Lawrence's Hospital occupied the site from the 12th century until Henry VIII ordered its destruction in 1536.

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# Sex fiend admits child rape

A FORMER immigration officer has admitted a string of child sex offences, including raping a child under 13.

Paul Cosier, 51, of Clifford Gardens, Deal, appeared at Canterbury Crown Court on Monday.

He pleaded guilty to 10 offences of distributing indecent images of children, three of taking indecent images of children and two of making indecent images of children. He also admitted one count of rape of a child and one offence of possession of child porn.

Cosier was found with a total of 9,485 images. Police said 69 of those were level five – which depict sadism or bestiality. He has been remanded in custody awaiting sentencing.

# Kent billionaire's irresistible rise

By **PHIL REILLY**
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AN INSURANCE mogul based in Kent was one of the highest climbers in this year's Sunday Times Rich List.

Peter Cullum, 57, is the county's only billionaire and by far the richest man in Kent.

He founded the Maidstone-based Towergate Partnership in 1997 and little over a decade later is now worth £1.7 billion.

Despite his vast fortune he is only the joint 40th wealthiest person in the UK, up from 106th in 2007, but still far behind steel giant Lakshmi Mittal, who tops the list with an estimated £27.7bn.

The next richest Kent residents are the De Haan brothers, Roger and Peter. The pair sold their interests in Saga for £1.35bn in 2004 and Roger has invested much of his fortune in the regeneration of his hometown, Folkestone.

They are now worth an estimated £850m, earning them 89th place on the rich list.

## Local names

There are no other Kent residents anywhere near the top 100, but there are still many local names in the top 1,000.

Frank Brake and family, who owned food company Brake Bros until it was floated on the stock market in 1986, are in 292nd place with an estimated £280m.

Guy Hands, owner of public equity group Terra Firma, and his wife Julia are named in 325th place with £250m. Last year, Terra Firma bought music group EMI, home to artists such as Sir Paul McCartney, Kylie Minogue and Coldplay.

Guy and Julia Hands are not the only ones to profit from EMI, with Coldplay bassist and former Canterbury schoolboy Guy Berryman listed as one of the country's richest young people. He is worth an estimated £30m.

Property tycoons Judith and Fergus Wilson, whose new venture is to build a chain of dental surgeries, are in joint 453th place with Kevin Stanford, co-founder of Maidstone-based fashion chain Karen Millen. They are worth around £180m.

Gordon Bonnyman, who runs private equity firm Charterhouse Capital, is in joint 564th place with an estimated £140m – the same amount as musicians Ringo Starr, Eric Clapton and Phil Collins. Kent's wealthiest musical former resident, David Bowie, is 644th with his £120m fortune. Elsewhere in the top 1,000 are venture capitalist Jon Moulton (581st, £135m), former Saga finance director Andrew Goodsell (616th, £125m), the Brett family (717th, £112m) and Peter Bromley (777th, £104m).

And all those hours spent racing round Buckmore Park near Chatham in a go-kart have paid off for Formula One sensation Lewis Hamilton, who is now worth £15m.

• ***Read our Business interview with Peter Cullum on page 67.***

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# Two Caravans author Marina's bookstore date

ACCLAIMED author Marina Lewycka will visit Kent this month to read from her new novel.

The Sheffield author, who won critical acclaim for her novel A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian, will be visiting the Waterstone's store in Canterbury on Wednesday, May 14.

She will be reading from her newest novel, Two Caravans, which features a band of immigrants living in the county.

The evening starts at 6.30pm, but local reading groups can enter a competition to have a drink with the author earlier in the day.

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# No further action for ball row Tory

By JAMIE McGINNES
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A COUNCIL leader involved in a foul-mouthed quarrel with rival politicians is resisting calls to apologise to them – even though an official report concluded he had been "offensive" and "discourteous".

Cllr Sandy Ezekiel, Tory leader of Thanet District Council, was involved in a dispute with Labour councillors at Margate Winter Gardens last year.

The row broke out at a ball in honour of the retiring Labour Mayor of Margate, Cllr Doug Clark, after Tory councillors did not join in singing Auld Lang Syne.

Cllr Ezekiel was reported to the Standards Board of England, which monitors local politics. Following the board's report, Labour councillors have called on Cllr Ezekiel to say sorry to them.

When contacted by KOS Media, Cllr Ezekiel said he had already apologised to Winter Gardens staff and the public for any offence he caused. But he indicated that he would not be saying sorry to the councillors.

He said: "My views have not changed. The incident was started by the Mayor of Margate, as stated in the report, and other members joined in. I accept the report and, as I did over a year ago through the media, apologise for my language to the staff and public at the Winter Gardens."

UNREPENTANT: Tory Cllr Sandy Ezekiel

Cllr Ezekiel was reported to the Standards Board because, the report said, he "swore loudly, used abusive language and behaved aggressively towards the retiring mayor... and adopted a threatening attitude towards the town sergeant".

The board was given different accounts of what happened. In evidence provided by Cllr Ezekiel, he admitted he had been "offensive" and "discourteous" towards the retiring mayor and another councillor.

But the report said: "The ethical standards officer took the view that a number of members had generally behaved inappropriately during the incident."

It added: "While she did not excuse Cllr Ezekiel's conduct, the officer found that, under the circumstances, no further action was necessary."

Clive Hart, a Labour councillor who was involved in the ball fracas, wrote an open letter to Cllr Ezekiel demanding an apology.

He told KOS Media: "I believe I acted impeccably. Despite being goaded to join in a fight I simply turned and walked away.

"I raised the alarm when I saw the elderly mayor Doug Clark, who has a history of heart problems, being abused by a much younger Ezekiel, who has a history in boxing, and then I left."

Cllr Ezekiel was an amateur boxer more than 30 years ago. Last year, told Kent on Sunday that he had been "ambushed" by Cllr Hart at the event.

He said: "The adrenaline started pumping, I looked him in the eye and I said, 'If you put your face in mine, I will sort you out'."

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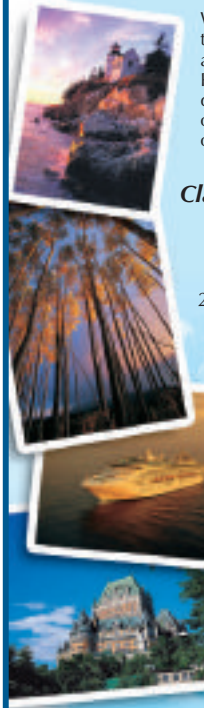

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# Survivors star now writes her own scripts

By JANE CONNOLLY
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FROM cult hit to pulpit, the Reverend Lorna Cleveland has certainly enjoyed a varied career.

Mrs Cleveland, known as Dickie, is an associate priest of the United Wye Benefice. But back in the 70s she was a star of television drama Survivors, which still has a large cult following.

"I'm quite astonished at the interest," she said. "I went to a convention in Birmingham recently and the fans thrust photographs under my nose saying they loved what I did in episode something or other, when I couldn't remember it."

Born in England, she was sent to live with relatives in Ireland for a while as a baby to escape the Second World War. Her family went to the US several times during the war as her father was in the RAF and she attended university there, before enrolling at RADA in 1960.

Her first job was appearing in the Broadway play Luther opposite Albert Finney and she worked on the stage in America for 10 years.

She moved to Egerton in Kent following her marriage to an Englishman in 1971, with whom she had a daughter, Tiffeny.

In the mid 70s Mrs Cleveland landed the role (under her maiden name Lewis) of Pet Simpson in the second series of Survivors, a BBC drama about the aftermath of a devastating plague.

"It's an idea that still interests people as the generations go by," she said. "I found the first series a bit scary, but the part I played wasn't scary because my role was to try and hold people together. I looked after the babies and milked the cows."

When she separated from her first husband, Mrs Cleveland gave up acting to bring up Tiffeny. Her second husband Paul, whom she first met at university, worked for ABC and it was his appointment as bureau chief in Rome that led to her change of career.

She noticed an advert for a theology course and this led to her becoming a lay reader with the Church of England when they returned home two years later. Driven by a desire to get to know parishioners better, Mrs Cleveland decided to become ordained.

After initially being turned down for training, she and her husband moved to North Carolina for two years following his retirement in 1997. After they moved back to Wye, she was ordained in 2002 by then Archbishop of Canterbury Dr George Carey and made a priest the following year by the current archbishop, Dr Rowan Williams.

Mrs Cleveland, 68, has performed for a local fundraising event and believes her actress training has been useful in her new career.

"No matter what you do to begin with, you might recognise what God wants you to do," she said. "As an actress I was interested in people and life. I learned to speak well and project myself, which is useful when I preach. But back then someone else was writing the scripts."

TWO LIVES: The Reverend Lorna Cleveland with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, on the occasion of her being made a priest in 2003, and (left) as Pet Simpson in the BBC TV series Survivors

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Kent County Council

# Think bike!

As the weather starts to warm up and the evenings are lighter for longer, the number of motorbikes on our roads increases. That's why Kent Highway Services, along with Kent Police and other road safety partners, are about to begin a summer motorcycling road safety campaign to reduce deaths and serious injuries on our county's roads.

Did you know that only one in 100 road users is a motorcyclist, but a quarter of all serious road collisions involve riders? Did you also know that June is the worst month for motorbike collisions, followed by August?

The summer campaign aims to educate both bikers and motorists, so that bikers can enjoy their bikes and go home safely at the end of the day.

We'll be visiting major motorcycling events, along with Kent Police, to talk to riders and offer help and advice, and we're encouraging all riders to log on to **www.ridewithattitude.com** – a website that is written by bikers for bikers in Kent and Medway.

Kent Police will also be targeting speeding riders on roads where motorcyclists have been killed or injured in the past and at sites associated with anti-social or dangerous riding.

If you're a motorist, you can help the campaign by being more aware of bikers on the road. Motorcyclists are about 50 times more likely to be killed or seriously injured in a road collision per kilometre than a car or van driver and one of the main reasons for collisions is motorists looking but failing to 'see' riders.

For more information about our work on road safety, you can contact us on **08458 247 800** or visit the website at **www.kent.gov.uk/highways**

# You see the sign, but where's the camera?

Kent Highway Services is part of the Kent & Medway Safety Camera Partnership, and one of the most common questions that motorists ask is 'why are there black and white camera signs along the road but no safety cameras?'

The answer to that is simple – where you see the camera signs but there is no fixed camera, it means it is a mobile camera site.

The partnership has seven mobile safety camera vans that have been in operation since the partnership formed in 2002. The vans operate at the same locations, which is why the signs are put up, but the vans alternate which day and the amount of time spent at each location.

The mobile safety camera vans are an important tool for keeping our roads safe, because they encourage drivers to reduce their speed for the whole distance covered by the signs. In the same way, mobile cameras are used to 'back up' fixed camera sites because they deter motorists from slowing down to pass the

camera and then speeding up again. The mobile camera can also photograph vehicles travelling in both directions.

However, the mobile camera sites are not a secret. Did you know that, every Tuesday, the mobile camera locations for the following week are sent to all local media and placed on the partnership's website at **www.kmscp.org**.

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The service is proving to be a big hit too - the South East region handled over 280,000 calls during the last twelve months with 60,000 of these coming from the Kent area alone. A recent survey was carried out to assess the performance of the service and the results showed very high user satisfaction rates and an increase in repeat callers from Kent.

Across the South East region, over 83% of users were very or extremely satisfied with the service, 95% of people would definitely use the service again and 96% of people would recommend the service to a friend or family member.

More importantly, 83% of the calls from Kent actually translated into bus journeys on the county's network of local and longer distance bus services. That's good news for the environment because it means fewer cars on the road and it could mean more money in your pocket too – especially with some of the regular traveller ticket deals that are available and the new national free off-peak travel pass for OAPs.

Kent Highway Services supports local subsidised bus services throughout the county to make sure that a comprehensive network of local bus services is provided for both residents and visitors in Kent. So, why not let the bus do the hard work and enjoy your journeys around Kent – you can find out everything you need to know about your route by calling traveline on **0871 200 22 33** or check online at **www.traveline.info**

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Kent Highway Services

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| Sevenoaks | 6.5.08 | 9.5.08 | High Street, Westerham | Temporary traffic lights - new energy supply |
| Canterbury | 6.5.08 | 20.5.08 | Middle Wall Road, Whitstable | Road closure - new gas and water mains |
| Thanet | 6.5.08 | 18.7.08 | A255 High Street, Ramsgate | Temporary traffic lights - new gas mains |
| Swale | 7.5.08 | 13.5.08 | A2 Keycol Hill, Newington | Temporary traffic lights - new gas mains |

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CASSAVA: The drought-resistant plant will be used to help break the cycle of extreme poverty in African countries

# Plants form a network

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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A UNIVERSITY is leading an initiative to boost the incomes of small-scale African farmers.

The project, which will work in partnerships with organisations in Ghana, Nigerian, Uganda, Tanzania and Malawi, has been backed by a £6.7 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The world's third richest man and his wife use the foundation to improve people's heath and help lift themselves out of poverty.

As part of the University of Greenwich at Medway project, more than 90,000 farmers will be linked to national and international markets by turning their main crop, cassava, into processed flour, which can then be sold at a premium price.

Cassava is a shrubby tropical plant, produced mainly by women in Africa, which is grown for its starch-containing roots.

Medway-based Professor Andrew Westby, project director of the project Cassava Adding Value for Africa (CAVA), said: "Around 300 million people in sub-Saharan Africa, many in rural areas, live on terribly low incomes.

"But cassava has the potential to significantly reduce their poverty. We expect that by connecting farmers to new markets we can help them increase their incomes and change their lives."

Each household involved in the project is expected to earn an additional £97 a year by 2012 – they currently live on less than a dollar (51p) a day.

Cassava is drought resistant and can be planted on poor soils growing well without fertilisers or pesticides.

Dr Lateef Sanni from the University of Agriculture in Abeokuta is leading the project in Nigeria.

He said: "Basic food prices in Nigeria and other Africa countries have rocketed in the past 12 months, squeezing the household budgets of many consumers.

"Partially replacing wheat flour with cassava flour is a win-win intervention, which will benefit both consumers and the local farming households who produce it."

Small and medium scale companies in the private sector in the African countries will be supported as they will play a key role in the supply chain – buying the dried cassava from farmers and turning it into flour.

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# Staff and pupils praise their head

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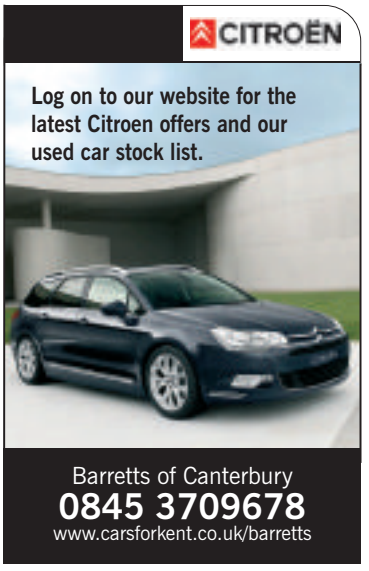
Tributes this week came from staff and pupils at the academy as well as the educational establishment and the Folkestone Creative Foundation.

John moved to Folkestone having formerly been headmaster of Bingley Grammar School, a comprehensive school in Yorkshire.



# Our campaign given Government support

By **ED HILL**
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THE PRIME Minister has backed a KOS Media campaign to crackdown on benefit cheats.

Gordon Brown praised the Your Money, Your Loss! campaign, which is running in Yourashford newspaper. He urged readers to keep up the good work.

The country's leader said: "We now have one million fewer people on out-of-work benefits than in 1997. But we need to go further now in training every person still on benefits for the jobs that are available, and working with employers to provide more job opportunities for them. But in return for these new opportunities, there will be new responsibilities.

"Everyone who can work must be available for work, and we will not tolerate people who are cheating the welfare system and taking money away from people who really need it.

"That is why I congratulate Yourashford on its campaign to root out the benefit cheats."

Since we launched the campaign – in conjunction with Ashford council – calls to the fraud hotline have rocketed with dozens of new investigations under way.

Its aim is to stop those leaching from the public purse in a bid to reclaim the cash that could – and should – go to community projects to benefit everyone.

Last week the council secured a conviction for the largest ever amount of fraudulently received benefit cash. Ivan Baldock, a builder, from Mersham had claimed more than £25,000 in council tax and housing benefits despite earning nearly £50,000 a year.

Ashford magistrates handed the 47-year-old a six month suspended prison sentence and 250 hours of unpaid community work. He was also ordered to pay back the sum he fraudulently claimed, plus £600 costs.

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# Chief executive fiasco cost us over £320,000 to be resolved

SACKED: Mark Bilsborough had been on long term gardening leave from the council

## Landmark named pier of the year

DEAL Pier has been named the UK's Pier of the Year.

The east Kent landmark beat competition from 23 other piers to win the coveted title.

It was chosen by a poll of more than 600 members of the National Piers Society.

The structure was unveiled by the Duke of Edinburgh in 1957 and is currently undergoing improvement work by Dover District Council, including the building of a new bar/café.

Cllr Nigel Collor, the council's cabinet member for access and property management, said: "This further demonstrates the importance of this major asset to the area, and comes as we start work on exciting improvements to Deal Pier, moving forward for an exciting future, and making sure we take full advantage of the potential that makes the pier so attractive to visitors and local people."

By **IAN READ**
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SWALE council spent at least £320,000 to get rid of the chief executive whose face did not fit, it has been revealed.

For the last 16 months Mark Bilsborough, 48, has been at home on full pay from his £100,000-a-year job after a rebellion among staff.

He was appointed in January 2006 to modernise the council's working procedures. But 10 months later, while he was on holiday, 11 senior council officials complained about his style of management. All claimed they felt 'bullied' by the new man.

Mr Bilsborough was put on gardening leave in December 2006 and a further 48 complaints were made against him. He was sacked last Thursday and given a £30,000 pay off.

Mr Bilsborough this week spoke in his own defence at a special meeting called to settle the dispute.

Councillors had voted 31-11 to sack Mr Bilsborough from the job.

The meeting was private but our sister paper, Yourswale, has seen a copy of the disciplinary report.

One councillor, who asked not to be named, said: "He vehemently defended himself. He reminded councillors that he had been brought in to streamline the council and was only carrying out its wishes."

A report into the whole 16-month disciplinary process was prepared by eminent employment lawyer John Bowers QC.

The report said that within days of Mr Bilsborough's appointment his colleagues – three of whom had applied for his job – ganged up on him to ensure he could not work effectively. But the QC ruled Mr Bilsborough had not helped himself because he had sworn at staff to get his own way and frequently by-passed senior officers to ensure his will prevailed.

The QC found 28 of the charges against the council chief proved.

Mr Bowers said: "I recognise Mr Bilsborough is talented and has some charisma and would do well in a different environment.

"Relationships have effectively broken down to a point where I think they cannot be repaired and that is primarily by reason of Mr Bilsborough's conduct."

Mr Bilsborough was brought in from the Government Office for the South East and had never worked for a council before. Many of his colleagues had worked for Swale for more than ten years and feared being axed themselves.

Mr Bilsborough told the hearing he was frustrated by not being able to get on with his life for the last 16 months.

Council leader Andrew Bowles defended the process, saying: "The only lesson we can learn is to be careful about selecting staff, although we did use a top firm of recruitment specialists and took up all references.

"I'm pleased that John Bowers QC endorsed the actions of Swale council."

Mr Bilsborough was unavailable for comment but is understood to be contemplating legal action against the council.

# Painter who is keeping up the family business

FUNDRAISER: Toby Ward is supporting Canterbury Cathedral

By **PHIL REILLY**
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MANY sons find themselves following in their father's footsteps, but there can be very few for whom doing so involves working closely with the Royal Family.

Toby Ward's late father John was a respected artist who was widely credited with teaching Prince Charles to paint when they visited Venice together in 1985.

Mr Ward, 42, from Cranbrook, is now a renowned artist in his own right and he renewed his father's relationship this week when he sketched Prince Charles at the reopening of St Martin-in-the-Fields Church in London.

He is now preparing to exhibit some of his own work alongside his father's at Canterbury Cathedral.

The exhibition, entitled Houses of God, brings together more than 150 paintings by a range of artists to raise funds for the Save Canterbury Cathedral campaign.

Mr Ward, who has also painted the Duke of Edinburgh and the Queen, said the two Royals share an enthusiasm for art.

He said: "Prince Charles is very nice to be with, very interested and enthusiastic. He is brave enough to go and put his work on the wall and let people look at it.

"It takes a bit of courage if you are not a full-time painter.

"The Duke of Edinburgh is great – I really enjoyed painting him. He is also very enthusiastic about painting and sculpture and a very lovely man full stop."

He said Prince Charles got on very well with his late father and kept in touch often.

He claimed not to have been influenced by his father's work until he was already an established artist in his own right, but it is clear the artistic bent runs through the family.

His two sisters, Celia and Charlotte, are both artists and the latter is also contributing work towards the exhibition.

Mr Ward grew up in the village of Bilting near Canterbury, and was in thrall to the cathedral.

He walked through its grounds every day as a schoolboy at the King's School.

"It is a fabulous building," he added. "Once you have been around the world once you realise there just aren't any places like it. I can count the buildings that equal it in quality and style and skill on the fingers of one hand."

The paintings Mr Ward is contributing to the exhibition are not of the cathedral, but of St Martin-in-the-Fields and his own parish church of St Dunstan's in Cranbrook.

A collection of his work can also be viewed at the Catto Gallery in Hampstead, London.

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# Houses of God on show at cathedral

WORK by the late John Ward will go on display this month at an exhibition featuring paintings of religious houses from across the world.

The Houses of God show, at Canterbury Cathedral, will also feature work by Mr Ward's children, Toby and Charlotte Ward and others including John Doyle, David Arbus and Hubert Pragnell.

Organisers say the show will celebrate the historic splendours of Venice and the tranquil beauty of the parish church.

The Very Reverend Robert Willis, Dean of Canterbury, said: "Many of the finest buildings buildings in the world have been inspired by the desire to honour that which is divine.

"It is an inspiration which seems to belong to every faith and certainly our great Christian cathedrals have been created by the burning desire of whole communities of skilled workers to honour God."

The exhibition will be supported by public speaking events with TV historian Dr David Starkey and the actor Sir Donald Sinden.

Some works will be for sale. All proceeds will go to the Save Canterbury Cathedral appeal. The exhibition runs from May 24 to June 14.

John Ward, who was regarded as a devoted Man of Kent, died on June 14, 2007.

ON SHOW: Unknown Italian Church by John Ward

DESERT: Cpl Roberts 53 and Fus Thomas 81 Royal Welch Fusiliers, in a painting by Toby Ward

PRIVATE equity firm Terra Firma, run by Sevenoaks millionaire Guy Hands, is facing additional charges on top of the around £4 billion it paid for the EMI music empire. According to City reports it is facing a shortfall of up to £170 million in EMI's pension scheme. There was no official reaction from Terra Firma, but insiders say the figure is probably less than £50m, with around £10m a year being paid by the firm. The matter has gone to the Pensions Regulator to sort out.

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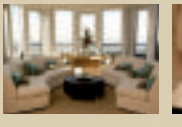
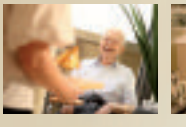

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# Have your say on the future of air travel from Kent

By **PHIL REILLY**
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KENT International Airport is undertaking a major public survey to measure the demand for the airport near Ramsgate.

The site, which is currently able to handle 800,000 passengers a year, is already home to one of the UK's longest runways capable of handling all commercial aircraft types.

The survey is being run with KOS Media's www.kentnews.co.uk and all those taking part stand a chance of winning a free holiday in Majorca.

Kent Escapes is offering flights, transfers and half-board accommodation for two adults.

Matt Clarke, chief executive of Kent International Airport, said he is confident the results of the survey will back up their own research showing increased demand for flights from the Manston site.

He said: "This is an opportunity for the Kent public to let us know how they would like to use the airport in the future and in particular the places they would want to fly to, the frequency of their air travel and how much they currently spend on travel."

## Well placed

The survey coincides with reports that BAA's ownership of seven UK airports, "may not be serving well the interests of either airlines or passengers", according to the findings of the Competition Commission.

The final report, due to be published in August, could force Spanish-owned BAA to sell one or more of its airports.

It was given ownership of Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted more than two decades ago to make sure there would be enough airport capacity in the South East.

According to the commission, there is still a shortage of capacity.

Mr Clarke agreed, and argued that Manston was ready-made to offer the extra space needed.

He added: "The lack of runway capacity in the South East is often raised as a potential restriction to the economic growth of the region.

"At Kent International Airport we already have a runway that is well placed to serve passenger and freight airlines – Kent's Airport is ready to go right now and already hosting daily 747 flights.

"We are currently undertaking a master-planning exercise to work with the community to map out the future of our airport.

"It is becoming very clear that Kent International Airport will play a significant part in the South East's future network of airports which will directly benefit the district and county's economies creating thousands of new jobs."

• ***To take part in the survey, visit www.kentnews.co.uk.***

FLYING HIGH: Do you want to join passengers at Manston?

# Hospital on the crest of a wave

THE naval history of Medway Maritime Hospital will be celebrated at a special event after the NHS trust was awarded 'foundation' status.

Members of the Old Royal Naval Medical Branch Ratings and Sick Berth Association have been invited to the event to reminisce about the hospital's past.

Reverend Alec Cheyney, coordinator for the association, said: "The association's members, who will be travelling to Medway from all over the UK, are looking forward to visiting the hospital.

"Many worked at the hospital as sick berth attendants and haven't been back to Chatham for 50 to 60 years."

The hospital was opened in 1905 by King Edward VII and cost £800,000. Its main corridor was 1,000 ft long. The NHS bought the building from the Navy in 1961.

Surgeon Rear Admiral Philip Raffaelli, the current Royal Naval Medical Director, is joining the trust's chief executive Andrew Horne and chairman Vernon Hull at the event on Saturday.

The hospital was awarded 'foundation' status at the start of the month. It is still part of the NHS but is run locally.

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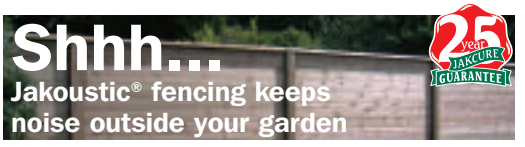


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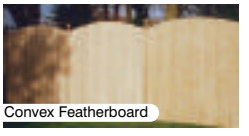
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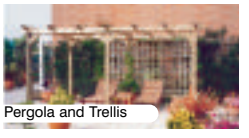
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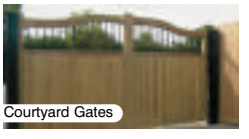
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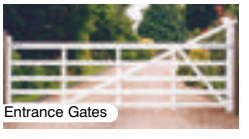
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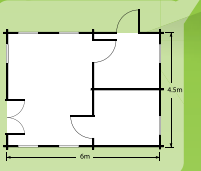


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# Sailor hit police boat

A BOAT owner has been fined £500 for speeding while drunk on the Medway Navigation during a summer river festival, the Environment Agency said.

Dan Casson, of Hollingworth Road in Maidstone, was found guilty of breaking the speed limit on the stretch of water between Allington Lock near Maidstone and the Leigh Barrier at Tonbridge by 15 knots.

Maidstone Magistrates court heard how the "reckless" boat owner collided with a police boat before continuing to travel towards Allington after the incident on 28 July at 11pm last year.

PC Robert Dadd of Kent Police said: "We are pleased that the Environment Agency (which is responsible for the 19 mile stretch) was successful with this prosecution.

"We hope it will send a clear and strong message that drinking alcohol while using boats is dangerous. In this instance, it was extremely fortunate that nobody was hurt."

Four police officers from the Kent Police Marine Unit were patrolling the River Medway as part of the Maidstone River Festival at the time of incident.

Casson's boat, which did not have any navigation lights on, hit the officers' boat near the Dragon's Leisure Centre in Maidstone and sped off.

He was also ordered to pay £190 in court costs and a £15 victim charge by magistrates last Tuesday.

Picture: DENNIS JACKSON

# Veterans battle for war tribute

By **JAMIE McGINNES**
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WITHOUT him the Battle of Britain would have been lost. The way would have been clear for a Nazi invasion of the UK and the course of World War Two would have been vastly different.

New Zealander Sir Keith Park was responsible for the fighter defence of London and the South East during the pivotal 1940 confrontation.

Yet the only tribute to the former air chief, who died at the age of 82 in 1975, is a road named after him near Biggin Hill Airport, Keith Park Crescent, and one at Uxbridge where he was based during the Battle of Britain.

Lord Tedder, Chief of the Air Staff after the war, said of Sir Keith in 1947: "If ever any one man won the battle of Britain, he did.

"I don't believe it is recognised how much this one man, with his leadership, his calm judgement and his skill, did to save not only this country, but the world."

This week, veterans gave their backing to a campaign for a statue of Sir Keith to be erected on the fourth plinth at Trafalgar Square during an event at Biggin Hill Airport, a key


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Including 60's giants such as The Troggs, Hermans Hermits, Gerry & The Pacemakers, The Animals and more plus tribute acts such as The Mods & The Kounterfit Kinks

**Disco Inferno at Bognor** 14-17 November
Music from Boney M, The Real Thing and Gwen Dickeys Rose Royce plus tribute acts like Club Soul, Scissor Sisterz, Stayin Alive and Purple Rain.

**Skool Reunion at Bognor** 28 November-1 December
School disco music from 2 Unlimited, The Wurzels, Musical Youth, Ratpack, Betty Boo and more with tribute acts such as Complete Madness, Material World, Bryan Jovi, The Jamm and more

**We Love The 70's at Bognor** 5-8 December
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Battle of Britain airbase.

Speaking just before the Hurricane he piloted during the battle did a fly-past at the airport on Tuesday, Wing Commander Bob Foster, 87, paid tribute to Sir Keith.

Wing Cdr Foster, who was based at Croydon during the battle with No 605 (County of Warwick) Squadron, said: "We know that Lord Dowding [air commander-in-chief of Fighter Command 1936 to November, 1940] was the great strategy man.

"But when it came to the crunch, it was 11 Group… commanded by Keith Park, who bore the brunt of the campaign and it was his tactical work during the battle that probably stopped the Germans from coming through to London time and time again."

Wing Cdr Foster, originally a RAF volunteer reserve airman, was called up when war broke out in 1939. He said he flew about 60 to 70 times in a two-month period during the Battle of Britain and notched up two confirmed and two probable enemy kills.

He said the wider significance of the battle was only realised later.

"In retrospect of course, we now realise how important it was. Had we not won, for want of another word, then goodness knows what would have happened."

Flight Lieutenant Owen Burns, 92, from London, was a 23-year-old gunner in a Blenheim light bomber during the Battle of Britain.

He said the statue of Sir Keith would be a worthier addition to the fourth plinth than some previous works that have stood there.

"Number four is used by all sorts of people to do mad things. They've never agreed to the air force having it, but why shouldn't we?"

## Defended

Built in 1841, the fourth plinth, in the north-west corner of Trafalgar Square, was originally meant for a statue of William IV, but it never materialised because of a lack of funding.

A nude statue showing disabled artist Alison Lapper when she was heavily pregnant was temporarily put there in 2005 and a coloured glass model of a 21-storey building was installed last year.

Sir Keith's great, great niece, Leigh Park, 30, from London, said: "The RAF isn't currently represented in the square and it would be great to have a representative from each arm of our military forces.

"My great uncle Keith would then not only be in sight of New Zealand House, but firmly planted in the square that commemorates military heroes – a square he successfully defended, along with London, the South East and the UK as a whole, from a Nazi invasion."

Campaign leader Terry Smith, chief executive of City broking firm Tullett Prebon plc, has said he will pay the £100,000 cost of the statue, which would be 18ft high.

Sir Keith was portrayed by Cliftonville-born actor Trevor Howard in the classic 1969 film Battle of Britain, which starred Laurence Olivier as Dowding.

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Picture: RAF

BATTLE OF BRITAIN: Sir Keith Park

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FAMILY: Leigh Park, 30, with statue model

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# Biker safety blitz aims to cut carnage

A QUARTER of all road accidents involve motorcyclists, according to Kent Police who have launched a campaign to reduce biker deaths.

The education and enforcement initiative is part of a Safer Summer campaign.

Inspector Alex Jones said: "We want to work with motorcyclists to ensure they can enjoy riding their bikes safely all year round.

"This is not about spoiling their fun and fining them for speeding.

"It is about keeping them and other road users alive and making sure their families grow up with a husband, partner, father, brother or uncle.

"In a concerted push to reduce the number of riders who are killed or hurt, and the trauma their family and friends suffer, Kent Police and our road safety partners will pool their expertise and resources in an effort to reduce casualties.

"We will educate, enforce the law and talk to motorcyclists at key events. We will be giving advice that could save their lives."

# He's a big lad, their goalie...

By **PHIL REILLY**
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THEY may not have the skills of Wayne Rooney or the flair of Cristiano Ronaldo, but you try telling that to these great apes.

The gorillas of Port Lympne Wild Animal Park have been getting in some practice ahead of the park's second annual Congo Cup.

However, like England's players during the Euro 2008 finals, these Western Lowland gorillas will just be spectators. The tournament will feature close to 100 youth teams from across the county. They will also get to meet an England football icon who knows all about winning tournaments – Sir Geoff Hurst. The former West Ham United striker, who scored a hat-trick in the 1966 World Cup final at Wembley, will be representing sponsors McDonald's at the competition, which raises money for a gorilla sanctuary in the Congo.

Sir Geoff said: "I'm delighted to be involved with the tournament at Port Lympne and hope all the families attending have a great time.

"Some of our 11,500 coaches will be in attendance to help pass on their coaching tips to the next generation of football stars."

Charlton Athletic FC are also supporting the event by providing referees and equipment.

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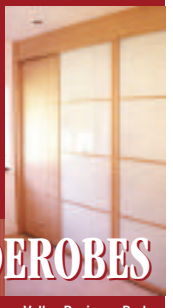

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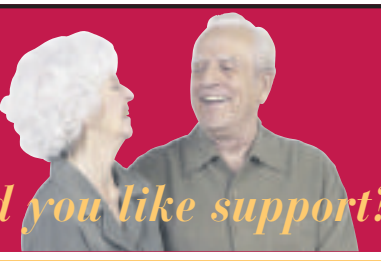

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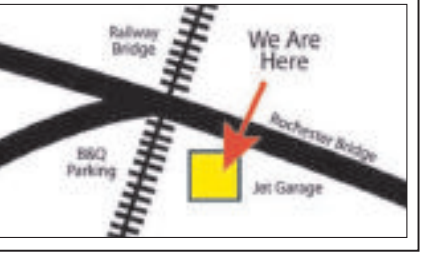

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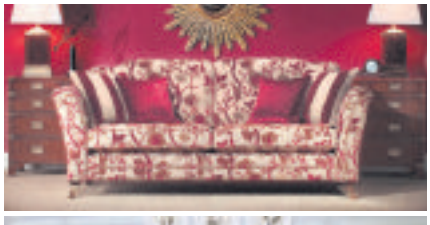

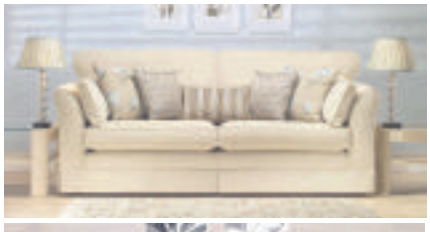

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# 'God is disappointed' with Williams' failure to defend gay members of the clergy

By **PHIL REILLY**
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THE Archbishop of Canterbury "will have to answer to God" for not defending homosexuals in the Church, according to its first openly gay bishop.

Gene Robinson, the American Bishop of New Hampshire, has spoken of his – and God's – disappointment that Dr Rowan Williams has not done more to stand up to critics of homosexuality within the Anglican Communion.

The issue of homosexuality has been hugely divisive in the Church ever since Bishop Robinson was ordained in 2003.

Dr Williams has been desperately trying to avoid what could become the biggest schism in the Church's history, with many conservative leaders threatening to pull out of the Anglican Communion.

Among the critics is Peter Akinola, the Archbishop of Nigeria, who has likened homosexuality to bestiality and slavery.

Speaking to the BBC's Hardtalk programme, Bishop Robinson questioned why Dr Williams had not confronted the hardliners in the Church.

**THREATENED: Bishop Gene Robinson**

He said: "You would have to ask him that – and I think he will have to answer to God about that. I believe [Williams'] unwillingness to confront Peter Akinola and others like him who've made statements that I think any reasonable person would find over the edge – I believe God is very disappointed in that."

He described language used to describe gays and lesbians by the American religious right as "treating them – treating us – as if we are subhuman", and said that he had received threats.

He added: "The rhetoric of those who would gladly decide themselves as anti-gay certainly creates an atmosphere in which a person who might contemplate violence would feel more justified."

The bishop has previously stated that he intends to attend this summer's Lambeth Conference, to be hosted by Dr Williams at the University of Kent in Canterbury, despite not being invited.

He has been in the UK to promote his new book, In the Eye of the Storm.

A spokesman for Lambeth Palace declined to comment.

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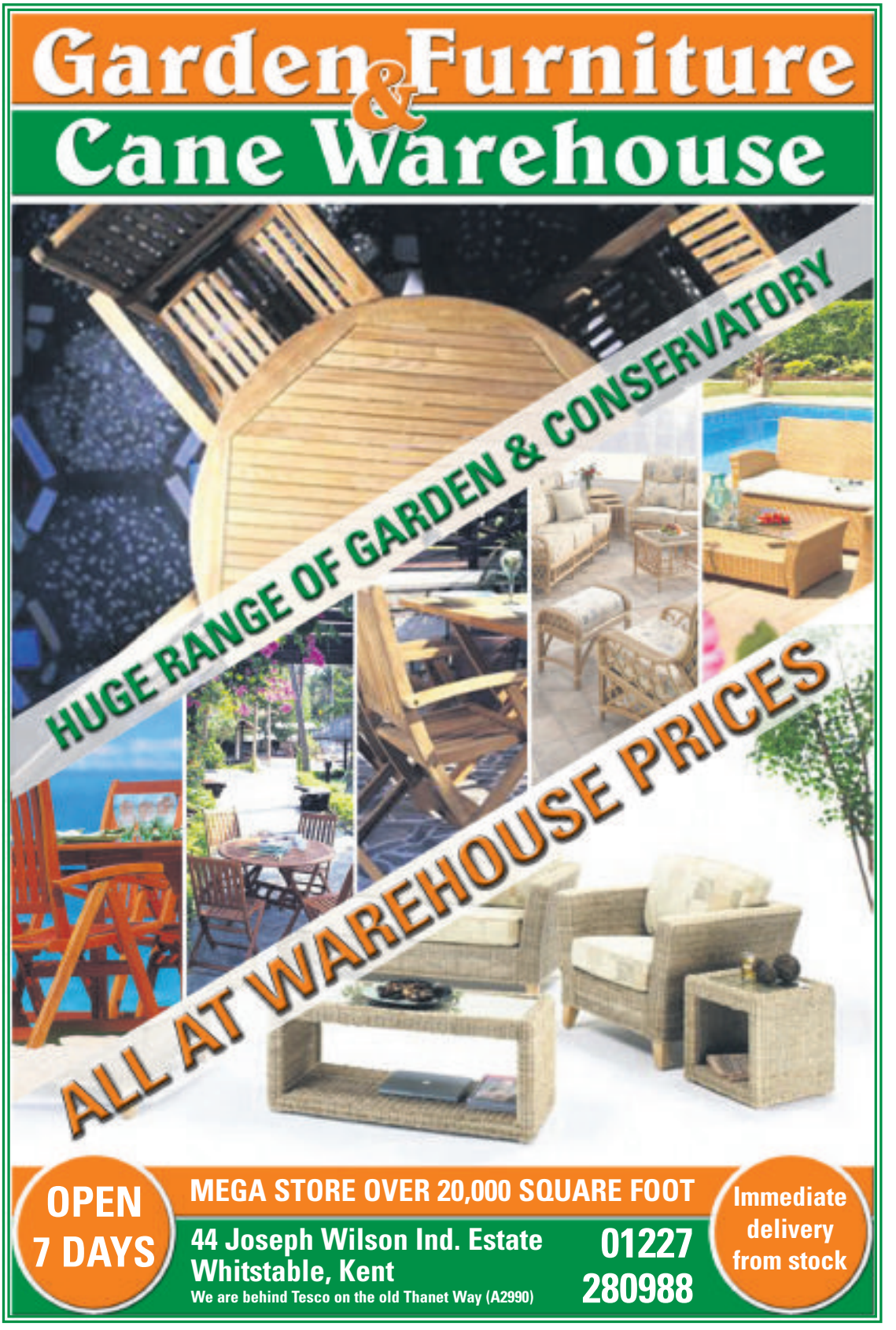
## Guides' goodbye

THE leader of Canterbury's Girlguides has retired after seven years in the job.

Wendy Dyer, who was the Division Commissioner for Canterbury, celebrated with a party at the Sturry Social Centre last Saturday.

Around 60 people attended and Mrs Dyer was presented with an Ambassador of Girlguiding badge. The event was also a thank you for Caroline Piper, who stood down as Division Treasurer.

Anyone interested in joining the Canterbury Girlguides should call 0800 1695901.



# Fraud allegations

KENT Police have accused a Frenchman of a series of fraud-related crimes.

Officers from the specialist operations directorate charged Abdelhamid Khenfri with 13 offences.

The 51-year-old is from Sartrouville, France.

He faces charges of: ten counts of possessing a counterfeit credit card, possession of a data card reader, possession of a laptop computer for use in connection with fraud, and possession of handwritten notes of credit card numbers.

He is due to appear at Canterbury Crown Court on May 12, 2008.

Police said the charges related to incidents in the UK and France between 2001 and 2008.

# Reporter is freed

A JOURNALIST from Kent who was kidnapped while working for a US TV network in Iraq has been released.

Richard Butler, 48, was held for more than two months after being seized by AK47-wielding militiamen in Basra.

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# Call for Eurostar train cuts rethink

By **ED HILL**
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A SENIOR Tory MP has repeated calls for Eurostar to reconsider its position on Ashford International station as it prepares a major review of its services.

The company intends to conduct a detailed study into its existing timetable during May – an exercise which will compare data between the Ashford station and the new Ebbsfleet station.

Eurostar's decision to cut international services from Ashford caused a huge outcry.

Damian Green, the MP for Ashford, said: "The fact remains Ashford has much better domestic rail links than Ebbsfleet. That is going to be the case for decades to come."

Recent figures from Eurostar reveal passenger numbers increased by 21 per cent in the first quarter of 2008.

The future review is seen as a chance for the operator to change its mind. As yet there are no figures relating to the figures for stations including St Pancras, Ebbsfleet and Ashford.

Mr Green said: "Even now, months after the changes I still receive many complaints about the services being changed from Ashford.

"They come from all over the region, not just the town itself, saying this decision is ridiculous."

He added: "For the sake of one peak-hour train from Ashford to Brussels I believe Eurostar has done a lot of damage.

"I think we need to try and get back to trying to persuade them to change their minds but at this moment I think that it is too early to say."

A Eurostar spokesman said the new passenger figures were not broken down to show how many passengers used each station. Those figures would not be available until a review had been completed in late spring or early summer.

He said: "At this moment in time we are happy with the changes that we have made."

ALL CHANGE: There are hopes a review will see more trains stopping at Ashford International

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**FUN**, flirty female, nearly 30, petite with dark hair, bored of being single, seeking someone to take me out and show me a good time. Box 895349 TXT

**SINGLE** mum of two, 29, bubbly, bright, 5ft8, brown hair, green eyes, size 14 and curvy, seeking tall, muscular, outgoing guy for socialising and more. Box 438300 TXT

**LOVELY** scouse female, 29, 5ft1, brown hair blue eyes, fantastic SOH, after some fun and laughs, so if that's you let me know. Box 438364 TXT

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**OUTGOING**, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge. Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107 TXT P

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**ATTRACTIVE** black female, 36, 5ft7, slim/medium build, short dark brown hair, brown eyes, single Mum, seeking male 36-40, honest, kind, caring, for potential romance. Box 439329 TXT

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**31Y/O** Chinese girl, 5ft4, slim, no children, seeking tall, white, loving, caring, all-Eastern male for serious relationship. Box 438931 TXT

**HI!** I'm Cheryl, 31, 5ft3, blonde, size 10, have 2 girls, I like walking, the gym and socialising, seeking a similar male for potential partnership! Box 437744 TXT

**TALL**, black, pretty female, 31, new to the Chatham area, loves watching football, shopping, travel; seeking tall, white, loving male 34-47 for LTR. Box 437778 TXT

**SINGLE** Mum, 30, 5ft2, short brown hair, petite, loves pubs, clubs, eating out, nights in, seeking Mr Right for friendship, more. Box 437895 TXT

**SINGLE** Mum of 2, 35, great SOH, works full time, seeking male with GSOH, fun-loving, romantic, for possible relationship. Box 438417 TXT

**BLACK** female, 32, 5ft8, likes cooking, reading, going out, WLTM nice man 34-50, down-to-earth and fun to be with, to find out more. Box 438585 TXT

**LIVELY**, attractive female, 32, 5'5", looking to meet that someone special to share life, laughter and love. Box 429124 TXT

**SINGLE** Mum, 32, cuddly larger lady, 5ft8, dark brown hair, seeking someone to have fun, a dance, some drinks, meals, more. Box 438941 TXT

**32YR** old woman, 5ft9, brown hair, curvy figure. I enjoy having fun and a laugh, and WLTM nice, kind gent. Box 439402 TXT

**SINGLE** mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Box 406670 TXT

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**LOVELY** single Mum, 38, 5ft4, blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun and chatty, WLTM similar male for fun and laughter, maybe leading to LTR. Box 372889 TXT P

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**ATTRACTIVE** 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 TXT P

**KENT** female, 39, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship/more. Box 152862 TXT

**MANDY**, 38, lovely brunette, petite, slim, very tactile, bubbly, professional mum, WLTM honest, romantic N/S man. Box 432639 TXT

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**DECENT** 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'6", likes cinema, eating, having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664 TXT

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**44YR** old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810 TXT

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**CARING**, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, redhead. Likes cinema, theatre, walking. WLTM male for fun and friendship. Box 895928 TXT

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**HI**, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTM compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992 TXT

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**PETITE** brunette, bubbly and friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things. Wltm genuine male to see where life takes us! Box 893562 TXT

**YOUNG-AT-HEART** female, 48, medium build, 5ft2, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests. Box 435098 TXT

**GENUINE**, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover. Box 435441 TXT

**YOUNG-LOOKING**, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving, outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out, staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428833 TXT

**49Y/O** female, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular wining, dining, loving and laughter, honest, genuine and loving. Box 438854 TXT

**HELLO**, 49yr old female, 5ft3, blonde, nervous! outgoing, love music, socialising, simple things in life, seeking a male to look after and settle down with. Box 436633 TXT

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**NEW** to this, I'm a 58yr old woman, and I enjoy walks, theatre, meals out, and WLTM genuine man for company. Box 437774 TXT

**YOUNG** female, 50, 5ft5, slim, bubbly, outgoing, GSOH, loves animals, walks, eating out, nights in with wine, seeks genuine male 45-55 for friendship & more. Box 439607 TXT

**50** year old woman, hard working, caring, divorced, looking to have that sparkle back in my life, can you provide it? Box 893611 TXT

**LOVING**, lively, cuddly female, 50, 5ft4, loves rock music, walking, films, WLTM easygoing male for uncomplicated relationship, good times. Box 894299 TXT P

**LOVING** and loyal 50yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 909974 TXT

**HI**, I'm Yvette, 50, separated, blonde hair/blue eyes, size 12, 5'2", likes cinema, meals and drinks out, reading, walks, looking for male, 40-60, for relationship. Box 420160 TXT

**I'M** Karen, 51, 5ft9, blonde, blue-eyed, medium build, vGSOH, considerate, like keeping fit, romantic nights in/out, bowling, tennis, lots of sports, seeking male for relationship! Box 893277 TXT P

**LOYAL**, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433585 TXT

**51YR** old young female, separated, 2 grown-up children, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes gardening, reading, travelling; seeking a nice gent for company and perhaps more. Box 439670 TXT

**SPORTY** female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTM fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10"+, to share life. Box 165367 TXT

**LIVELY**, understanding female, 51, large build, WLTM genuine, loving male, 46-58, for lasting, loving relationship. Faversham. Box 399271 TXT

**BRIGHT**, bubbly lady, 52, 5'4", blonde hair, recently divorced, own home and car, enjoy cinema, eating out, drinks, looking for companionship and friendship. Box 419966 TXT

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**DIVORCED** female, 50's, 5ft4, own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more. Box 434901 TXT

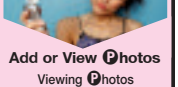
**SINCERE** female, 57, caring, separated, I enjoy nights in/out, reading, walking, various activities, just separated for a friend and the see from there! Box 437420 TXT

**PARTIALLY** disabled 58yr old country woman, 5'5", fairly attractive, enjoys gardening, home life, WLTM country loving man for company and possibly LTR. Box 439065 TXT

**I'M** 59, smoke/drink and ride a motorbike but I'm intelligent, sensitive, caring and loving, with GSOH and many friends, but still looking for someone special. Box 893919 TXT

**HAPPY**, contented solvent lady, 59, N/S, living in the country near Hythe, seeks gentleman of similar disposition and means. Box 897822 TXT P

**N/S** female, 59, grey hair, blue eyes, 5ft4, enjoys most things in life! still works, WLTM someone for friendship and companionship, perhaps more. Box 439570 TXT



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**SOLVENT**, cuddly female, 59, 5'1", love the countryside, foreign travel, seeks happy, solvent male, 50s-62, for affection and TLC. Box 394179 TXT

**WIDOWED** female, 62, WLTM trustworthy, honest caring guy 62-65 to share and enjoy the simple life; not fussed if you smoke/drink etc. life's too short. Box 438401 TXT

**YOUNG-LOOKING** medium-built female, 62, brown hair/eyes, enjoys walking, eating in/out, dancing, animals, seeking male to give lots of TLC too for LTR. Box 439819 TXT

**YOUNG** 61 year old, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, very happy-go-lucky, likes dancing, walks, eating in/out. I'm very adaptable. looking for a LTR. Margate. Box 434424 TXT

**BRUNETTE** lady, 61, looking for a LTR, friendship first, any age considered. Interests: dancing walks, socialising, cuddling! Margate. Box 432246 TXT

## Women for women

**ATTRACTIVE**, feminine female, 37, petite, professional, thoughtful, witty, enjoys socialising, travel, dancing, seeks similar, genuine female, for friendship... Rochester. Box 411186

**CAPRICORN** female, 48, 5ft7, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, caring, animal lover, into DIY, sport, reading, WLTM someone in the Maidstone area. Box 434547 TXT

**HI**, Maggie, sociable Sagittarian, buxom, 52-year-old brunette, like music, dancing, eating out, seeking like-minded, buxom female, 40-55, for fun and more. Box 435191 TXT

**N/S** female, 63, disability scooter user, GSOH, seeks straight, fit female to share 17 day Med cruise, 1/3 paid for, as helpful companion. Box 438793

## MEN for WOMEN

**I'M** 22, 5ft10, shaved head, muscular build, go to the gym regularly, shy, seeking someone likewise to have fun and bring me out my shell! Box 439730 TXT

**MARTIN**, 24, 6ft, short blond hair, karate instructor, loves a laugh, into sports, seeking a similar lady to get to know and find love with. Box 439673 TXT

**JUSTIN**, 27, enjoys bowling, cinema, pubs, clubs, quiet nights in, seeking an outgoing female 18-28 for friendship leading to possible LTR. Box 439568

**HOPEFUL** male, 26, 6ft2, slim, dark hair, green eyes, enjoys pubs/clubs, nights in, all sports, football, looking for a kind, friendly, caring female. Box 426147 TXT

**OUTGOING** male, 29, medium build, short black hair, easygoing, likes a laugh, very honest and genuine, WLTM confident, bubbly, independent lady for genuine companionship. Box 438220 TXT

**BEEN** out the game a while, now looking to pass go! Fun-loving, easy-going and adaptable guy, 31, honest and caring, bit of a romantic! Box 895527 TXT P

**AVERAGE-LOOKING** guy, 32, slim, tall, grey eyes, short hair, into regular things, pubs, restaurants, GSOH, WLTM similar-aged lady for fun evenings and possible LTR. Box 894163 TXT P

**HI**, I'm Nick, athletic build, slim, 5'11", brown hair/eyes, looking for fun, friendship and more. Love countryside, walks, beaches. Box 439213

**LOVING** male, 33, 6ft, fair hair/blue eyes, slim. I like cinema, theatre, meals out, cosy nights in with a take away, keep-fit. Box 428767 TXT P

**I'M** 35, 6ft, have a beautiful little girl, very honest, caring, looking for someone I can love and trust and make a new life with... Box 896178 TXT P

**SINGLE** male, 37, 6ft, medium build, interests include cycling, beach walks, meals, socialising, WLTM nice, similar lady for potential romance. Box 438359 TXT P

**I'M** Stuart, 36, 6ft6, short dark hair, stocky build, love squash, badminton, swimming, the gym, theatre, seeking a fun-loving, nice lady for loyalty and love. Box 437106 TXT

**HONEST**, kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTM like-minded, genuine female. Sarah, please call again, leave contact details! Box 430440 TXT P

**JASON**, 38, 5ft8, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cycling, seeks genuine female for friendship and good times. Box 433326 TXT

**DIVORCED** male, 38, 5ft10, blue eyes, no ties, likes motorsports, the gym, country pubs, wine bars, cycling, seeks spontaneous, fun woman for fun/laughter. Box 434217 TXT

**MARK**, 38, quite laid-back and easy-going, seeking a lady to enjoy cinema, eating out, drinks and days out with, hopefully much more. Box 437866 TXT

**DOWN-TO-EARTH**, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917 TXT P

**CARING**, reliable, attractive male, 36, dark hair/blue eyes, N/S, no ties, GSOH, sociable, seeks kind, down-to-earth, attractive female, for company and hopefully romance. Margate. Box 410659 TXT P

**LAID-BACK**, happy go lucky tall male guy (6ft 3), 39 years old, GSOH, WLTM someone who likes to smile and live life to the full. Box 926851 TXT P

**FUN-LOVING**, caring male with TLC to give, 39, seeking a female for full time relationship, size 10-12, looks unimportant, for potential relationship. Box 439595 TXT

**HI** I'm 39, good looking, honest, sincere, great fun, seeking a nice, fit lady for fun times. Box 439561 TXT

**HI**, I'm a down-2-earth male, 40, 5'7", medium build, green eyes, loves outdoors, sports, beach walks etc, WLTM an out-going female for good times. Box 899004 TXT

**IAN**, 40, 5'7", medium build, green eyes turning blue when it's cold, loves live sports and golf, seeking an active female, 30-39. Box 899003 TXT P

**ATTRACTIVE** guy, nice to be with, laid-back, I'm 41, 5ft9, medium/stocky, brown hair. Own business/home, enjoy walks, pubs, wine, restaurants, cinema. Box 430286 TXT

**SINGLE** male, 42, slim, 6ft, short hair, loves smart clothes, watching bands, pubs, clubs, DVDs, seeking slim-medium lady, 24-40, for snuggles and cuddles on sofas! Box 437844 TXT

**41YR** old joker, loves animals and having lots of laughs, seeks a female of similar character for fun-loving relationship. Box 438023 TXT

**ENJOYS** the good things in life; I'm male, 42, dark hair/dark skin, medium build. If you want to find out more, get back to me! Box 439722 TXT

**CONFIDENT** male, 42, 5'10", nice build, single dad, own home, loves cooking, going out, sports, WLTM someone similar to me. Maidstone. Box 411411 TXT

**WARM**, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship/more. Box 388967 TXT

**GENUINE**, black male 41, 5'10", own home/car, loves meals in/out, cosy nights in, WLTM similar female, any race, for friendship and love. Box 390882 TXT

**ATHLETIC** male, 43, 5ft8, blue eyes, likes night in and out, sea-fishing, seeking nice lady to get to know and see what happens. Box 439350 P

**RICHARD**, 43, dark hair, blue eyes, 5ft6, likes travelling, music, cinema, meals out, the countryside, seeking a female 35-52 for potential relationship. Box 439675

**HANDSOME** male, 43, slim, good-looking, enjoys music, cinema, nights in with a glass of wine, seeks attractive, kind, caring female, 30-45, for fun/friendship/relationship, maybe more. Box 367907 TXT

**YOUNG-AT-HEART** 44yr old male, blond, blue eyes, easy-going nature, likes eating out, music, cinema, WLTM adventurous, witty, fit female for possible LTR. Box 432940 TXT

**I'M** 45, 5ft10, medium build, blue eyes, shaved head, like having fun, a laugh, love music and film, seeking a female 25-48 for romance. Box 435737 TXT P

**44-YEAR-OLD** man, interests include socialising, days out, keeping fit, days out, seeking a caring, honest female, to share fun times. Box 433992 TXT

**ACTIVE** male, 44, 6'2", slim/medium, blue eyes, brown hair, enjoys most things in life, especially travelling and adventures. Seeking female for company or more. Box 920903 TXT P

**PROFESSIONAL** male, 45, own home/car, likes cinemas, weekends away, the coast, a BBQ and good wine, looking for friendship, hopefully more. Box 426202 TXT

**BLOND**, blue-eyed male, 46, 5ft8, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship and more. Box 421664 TXT

**KIND** and trustful, 47 blond guy, blue/grey eyes, 5ft8. Like to keep fit, run/ride, enjoy cinema nights in/out walks, travel, w/ends away/ WLTM female 32-45. Box 893221 TXT P

**47YR** old male, 5ft10, no ties, N/S, likes music, travel, pubs, walks, looking for LTR with a sweet natured woman. Box 894116 TXT

**LOOKING** for friendship, maybe more with an intelligent, slim, attractive woman. I'm fit, 40's, sociable, sensitive, and fun. Enjoy good company, like a drink and smoke. Box 897985 TXT P

**FIT** male, 47, hard-working, 3 grown up children, likes going out, eating out, staying in, cinema/theatre, walks in countryside; WLTM attractive lady for partnership. Box 438586 TXT

**GOOD-LOOKING** male, 47, VGSOH, medium build, varied interests, looking for friendship and love with honest, easygoing female with GSOH, kids not a problem. Box 898446 TXT

**I'M** 48, and looking for some fun and laughter again, I enjoy swimming and eating, music, film, want to make that special lady happy. Box 895088 TXT

**THOUGHTFUL** male, 49, 5'7", slim/medium build, short brown hair, looking for bubbly, outgoing lady to share romantic times together. Like wining/dining, country walks, cooking etc. Box 419208 P

**HI** there, 50yr old male, 6ft, short hair, I love the cinema, walks, going out, pubbing, seeking female with GSOH for like-minded conversation and more. Box 437486 TXT P

**KIND** male, 50, 5ft11, slim, N/S, two boys (19 and 16), likes eating out, visiting London, weekends! Looking for kind, caring lady. Looks not important. Box 425308 TXT P

**OLIVE** skinned, 6ft tall, 50yr old man, with short hair and a GSOH seeking down to earth lady to share happy times. Box 914972 TXT

**FUN-LOVING** male, 52, likes going out, playing golf, motor cycles, socialising, visiting new places, WLTM an interesting female. Box 427713 TXT

**TALL**, not bad-looking, GSOH! I'm male, 53, and looking for a lady for friendship and company, maybe more. Box 439611 TXT

**55YR** old loving, caring, decent male, a professional gardener, loves animals, countryside, WLTM female to move on in life with. Box 439626 TXT

**HI**, I'm Andy, 54, 5'10", like holidays, drives out, music, meals out, looking for a kind-hearted lady to share interests, leading to more. Box 429343 TXT

**GARY**, 55 years old, 6'3", large build, ex-doorman, solvent, looking for someone to love and to have fun times with. Box 900009 TXT P

**I'M** 5ft10, blue/grey eyes, 56yrs old. I have various interests and WLTM a nice lady to share good times. Box 439745 TXT

**MY** name is John, 59, don't look or act my age, GSOH, N/S, love outdoor life, looking for someone to socialise with, maybe more. Box 893172 TXT

**EASYGOING** male, 58, 5ft8, fair hair, medium build, likes soul music, exercise, nice restaurants, looking for the sparkle back in my life. Box 426298 TXT

**HELLO** I'm 65, widowed, 6ft, brown hair, nice looking! healthy, active, professional, keen sportsmen (in my day!), WLTM gentle, nice, attractive lady to share companionship. Box 439791 TXT

**I'M** Tony, 66, 5ft9, blond/blue, medium build, looking for a lady for potential LTR and to enjoy music, socialising, romantic meals. Box 439794 TXT

## Men for men

**35YR** old male, looking for fun with an attractive man. I'm good looking, with a slim/medium build. Box 437652 TXT

**40YR** old chap, 5ft8, dark, slim/muscular build, good looking. Looking for a tall guy for fun. Box 439132 TXT

**GOOD** guy, looking for male, 35-50. I'm 40, green eyes, dark hair, average build. I enjoy pubs, music, cinema, dining in/out. Box 436613 TXT

**SHY** 52yr old male with GSOH and fun-loving personality is seeking an attractive male with similar traits for lasting love. Box 437548 TXT

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# Prime ministerial marriage which ended in tragedy

FRAUGHT: Catherine Shorter

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CATHERINE Shorter of Kent was the extravagant and beautiful wife of Sir Robert Walpole, Britain's first Prime Minister.

Set in the 18th century, the tragic story of how a passionate love match ended in betrayal and mental illness is included in the latest book exploring her husband's life.

The Great Man, Sir Robert Walpole: Scoundrel, Genius and Britain's First Prime Minister by Edward Pearce, a former political journalist, has now been published in paperback.

Lady Walpole was the daughter of Sir John Shorter, a former Mayor of London, and a wealthy merchant from Kent. She married Walpole in 1700.

Mr Pearce said: "The main point about her is that she was a beautiful woman and seems to have been a bit of a Princess Diana of her time.

"She was excitable and slightly fraught."

It was beautiful romance for a while, said Mr Pearce, until problems began to develop.

Nothing is known about Lady Walpole's political opinions, said the author, who speculated that as her husband grew increasingly more powerful her refusal to get involved and lack of interest in politics pushed them apart.

They were profligate spenders; a letter from John Wrott, Walpole's steward, revealed the couple's high living while Walpole was a young MP.

The letter warned Walpole that money is needed for "new gowns and various silks".

Mr Pearce describes Walpole as a "wonderfully corrupt and a deeply dishonest man" both in his political and personal life.

He had many mistresses although, said Mr Pearce, historical sources do not reveal their names.

Walpole, a Whig, served during the reigns of George I and George II. His control over King, Parliament and Government is generally regarded as lasting between 1721 and 1742.

However, he was briefly locked up in the Tower of London by the Tories when they grabbed power after the death of George I.

Mr Pearce said Walpole's affairs probably came after the couple had fallen out rather than causing the marriage to break down.

Lady Walpole was living in a whirl of high society parties and having a great time.

It is not known if she had affairs but as Mr Pearce noted "she would have had reason to".

As Prime Minister, Walpole fell in love with Maria Skerritt but he could not marry her as long as Catherine was alive.

"We just do not know whether the carrying on contributed to her insanity," Mr Pearce said.

But as the marriage declined and her husband's power grew Lady Walpole's mental health worsened.

She died in 1736 and Walpole immediately married his mistress who quickly fell pregnant.

The second Lady Walpole then died only months later during a stillbirth.

"Walpole was consumed by grief," Mr Pearce said.

"He was as broken up by this as anything else. It was love rather than casual sex."

Despite Walpole's frivolous behaviour with his own money, he is credited with setting a stable and growing economy as well as keeping the country out of war for 20 years.

In the final analysis, Mr Pearce said: "He was a cold-hearted brute who did not really care for anyone without influence.

"He was selfish but outstandingly able and probably as good a person to have in the early day of Government than any other."

• ***The Great Man, Sir Robert Walpole: Scoundrel, Genius and Britain's First Prime Minister, published by Pimlico, costs £12.99 from all good book shops.***

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SCOUNDREL: Walpole pictured on the cover of Edward Pearce's book

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COMMENT

# Economy will still be the issue

BUOYED by their local election triumphs across the land, some Conservatives are inevitably starting to look to the next general election.

And why not? After more than a decade in the political wilderness the Tories have had their patience tested and are now beginning to really believe their time has come.

Gordon Brown is bruised and beaten, with voters delivering him not so much a bloody nose as a broken one.

The last few months have pushed him from one disaster to another, from lost data discs to Northern Rock and the fumbling over the 10p tax rate, and it is hard to see how he can recover.

Even the Liberal Democrats got more votes on Thursday.

There is now talk of the Tories winning every constituency in Kent, the sort of comprehensive victory that would no doubt see David Cameron strutting into 10 Downing Street.

They would be wise not to be so cocksure. There have been false dawns before.

In 2004, at the height of Tony Blair's troubles and the furore over the lack of WMDs in Iraq, Labour got pummelled at the polls only to win again in the 2005 general election.

Many of the voters on Thursday had local matters in their mind when they voted and this should not necessarily be interpreted as an endorsement of Mr Cameron.

What is more, the defining issue of the next year or two is likely to be the economy. Unless the Tories can convince people that they have the policies and shrewdness to navigate such stormy seas many could reluctantly put their trust back in the Iron Chancellor.

# OPINION: School parental choice

## With more pupils being denied their first choice, it's time for action, says PETER READ

IS SCHOOL parental choice a myth? Both Labour and the Conservatives have paid lip service to the idea of parental choice in selecting schools for our children, but how is it working in practice?

In Kent, there has been a fall from 80 to 70 per cent of children over the past two years being offered their first choice secondary school, the corresponding drop in primary schools being from 94 to 89 per cent.

The proportion of infants offered no school of their choice has nearly doubled in the same period, with many of these 458 four-year-olds now facing long journeys to school because their parents have the misfortune to live in rural areas.

What is to blame for this, and what can be done? Certainly we are at the peak of secondary school admissions with numbers forecast to fall by 10 per cent in the next six years, so this may be a temporary blip.

But that doesn't make it any less painful for children living in Sittingbourne being offered a school in south Maidstone; or those from Westerham offered a grammar place in Sittingbourne; or pupils in Gravesend who have passed the 11-plus being offered a non-selective school out of the borough. Government keeps pressure on local authorities to eliminate empty spaces in schools, currently about eight per cent in Kent secondaries, similar to neighbouring counties. However, these spaces are concentrated in just 10 schools, each with more than 25 per cent surplus spaces.

The pressure is greatest in west Kent; none of the 33 most westerly Kent schools have any space after allocation on March 3, although this is already changing as some parents decline places at schools they have been allocated.

Meanwhile, Thanet is forecast to have 20 per cent spare capacity in a few years.

Kent County Council has attempted to close some smaller primary schools, each time against immense local pressure.

But still 87 Kent primary schools have more than a quarter of their places free. Once again the problems are focused in schools that are in the wrong place or are unpopular for a variety of reasons.

What can be done to solve the difficulties? For 2008 entry, any solution now lies with independent appeal panels, for schools have no power to admit additional children over their planned admission number. Appeals are now being heard, but before admitting additional children panels need to be satisfied that further admissions will not damage the education of those already there.

Some schools will put forward strong cases to resist taking in more children, but I believe in a few cases KCC could be more flexible by offering temporary accommodation in this exceptional year.

Primary school appeals are very difficult to win, as infant class legislation forbids panels approving appeals that take class sizes over 30, except in exceptional circumstances.

In the longer term, the solution comes with identifying pressure points well in advance and building new schools or classrooms to meet demand, before the children arrive.

This is not a solution for grammar schools, as government legislation forbids additional grammar school places being created, so the much-needed Sevenoaks Grammar School is unlikely to see the light of day, with the Conservatives currently not supporting new grammar schools.

Amid this political infighting, parental choice and quality education for many of our children appears to get lost. The ideal solution is to make all schools high quality so children and parents will support them, but this appears impossible without hard decisions and considerably more priority and resources given to education.

Building Schools for the Future, the biggest investment programme ever in Kent schools, is currently in preparation, with phase one seeing every secondary school in Gravesham and many others along the north Kent coast being completely or substantially rebuilt – but the programme creates no additional spaces.

However, to ensure every school is of high quality so much more needs to be invested to ensure that parental choice becomes a reality for all.

• ***Peter Read is an independent education advisor, supporting families in Kent. For more information visit www.kentadvice.co.uk.***

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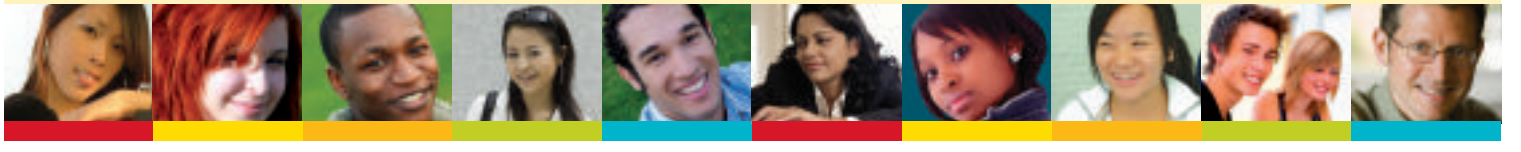

## Claims are nonsense

I have just read your article attempting to show discrimination against women as elected members in Kent County Council.

I have never seen such a blatant and unfair attempt to make bricks without straw.

Please consider the following:

There is not an over-supply of applicants for nomination to candidature in any division that I am aware of, and certainly no discrimination on grounds of gender. I have not heard of any woman who wished to be a candidate and was refused because of her sex.

Any woman may put herself forward and will receive the same consideration as a man.

Ms Dean implies there is "ballyhoo" in the council chamber. There is not. Standards of behaviour are high, as befits mature adults.

Ms Harrison says of the male elected members "you can almost feel them itching to pat me on the head and say 'it's alright, dear'."

What is this supposed to mean? Nothing; it's meaningless drivel and you should not attempt use such insubstantial and pointless remarks as evidence of anything except shallow-mindedness.

It is true that some of the mens' toilets include marble fittings. This is not so that male superiority can be asserted over women, but because the toilets are Victorian, and badly need updating.

It is true there are relatively few women elected members in County Hall and your article gives no sensible suggestions as to why this should be so.

If you wish to find out, the last people to inquire of are Ms Dean and Ms Harrison, both of whom have political axes to grind. It was unfortunate for you that you could not persuade Conservative Sarah Hohler to give you a derogatory quote; it may be because she does not feel there is any reason to do so.

*Cllr David Brazier*
*Sevenoaks*

## Politicians are telling us what we already know

First, could my thanks be conveyed to Cllr Michael Snelling, the Conservative leader of Gravesham Borough Council.

Without his snide remarks relating to Lembit Opik MP, the subject of the monstrous development may never have received recognition in your newspaper.

It is an interesting observation that besides a Liberal Democrat MP expressing his negative views on the development, Adam Holloway, the current Conservative MP for Gravesham, has stated the tower looked like a blot on the landscape and the Labour Party were actually engaged in getting people to sign a petition against it last Saturday. Where do politics enter this argument?

As chairman of a block of 46 flats with more than 90 residents, we are directly involved in this proposed development and unanimous agreement by the residents concludes the tower is an abomination.

Residents believe the whole proposal is fraught with distinct probabilities of negatively affecting the present residential area of the town's heritage quarter.

*Gordon Southgate*
*Gravesend*

## What about access?

In spite of all the coverage the proposed lorry park has received, we have not seen any reference to how, or where, the lorries are to leave and regain the M20 in the event of Dover port being closed. All the lorries will have to leave by a new slip road built to the north of the M20 and another slip road onto the motorway also on the northern side, irrespective of whether access from there to the lorry park is under or over the motorway.

Why is it then, that all we see in the newspapers and on television is an area of land south of the M20 which is the proposed site?

Much more land between the motorway and the A20 will be required and this has not been mentioned in public as yet.

The most sensible and cost-effective solution to Operation Stack is surely to use the communication systems already in place by information on overhead gantries, by radio and television, by landline and mobile phone to notify lorries bound for Dover that they should not start their journeys through Kent to the continent until the port is reopened.

Drivers would no doubt prefer to remain at their depots instead of a lorry park or on the M20 with limited facilities.

*R and J Jago*
*Lympne*

## Protect our rural idyll

Every year I visit friends and family in Kent and enjoy the countryside.

It therefore saddens me to hear that in the quiet backwater of the picturesque village of Aldington there are plans to build a park for a few thousand lorries. While I'm sure there is a need for such a park close to the channel tunnel and Dover ferry it does seem rather unnecessary to locate it in an area of outstanding beauty with unspoilt views over the fabulous wilderness of Romney Marsh.

It has been explained to me that the local ratepayers, who are by and large against the scheme, would be financing the park while the Dover Harbour Board, who would be the real beneficiaries of the scheme and who are willing to finance the park if it were to be built within their boundaries, are being ignored.

I am unaware of the politics behind the scheme but I can only assume the reason to build something that would so obviously scar the environment is due to some people planning to make a lot of money out of it.

Relatively inexpensive farmland will be marked up to become high value building land. A lorry park will attract restaurants, hotels and shops, which in turn will create a need for houses and within a relatively short time a quiet rural backwater will become a noisy congested town. Dover not only has the space needed but also the necessary infrastructure. Its shops would welcome the extra business which would help to regenerate the town. Why is that not being considered?

It seems to me the plan should be to enhance the commercial visibility of Dover with the addition of a fully serviced lorry park rather than to destroy the serenity of the rural idyll in the Garden of England.

*Mark Lecchini*
*London*

## Following our leader

Kent County Council Conservatives are totally in tune with David Cameron's Conservative Party and it was wrong of your article two weeks ago to suggest this might not be the case in the future.

The reason we have to raise money through council tax is simple, this government gives us less money year after year while expecting us to deliver more and more services.

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**YOUR LETTERS**

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## BIRTHS

**BILLS**
Ellen Elizabeth (Nell) formerly of The Saltings, Whitstable passed away in her sleep on 25th April 2008. A much loved mum, Nan and great Nan. She will be sadly missed by all the family and all who knew her. All enquiries and flowers to John Kemp Funeral Directors, 26 Harbour Street, Whitstable.

**BLUNDRED**
Michael and Kelly Blundred of New Romney celebrate the birth of their daughter Sophie Louise on 21st April 2008.

**BOARMAN POWELL**
David and Claire of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Camilla Rose, born at home on 25th April 2008. A new baby sister for Isabella, William and Angus.

**BOWLES**
Darren and Sharon Bowles of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Oliver James Bowles on 18th April 2008.

**BOYLE**
Genie Rose born on 29th March 2008 to proud parents Jake and Claire and sister to Louis, Sage and Phoenix. All our wishes come true.

**BRAMWELL**
Stuart and Tracey are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their handsome son Daniel Bramwell, he arrived at 10.35pm on the 15th April and weighed 7lb exactly!!

**BROOKS-COVENEY**
Karmann-Porsche Carrera Mercedes Clio Princess born on 17th April 2008, weighing 6lbs. Daughter to Michael and Angela in Barming.

**BROWN / SPILLER**
Dwayne and Laura of Herne Bay are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Saidie Leigh, on 25th April 2008. A new baby sister for Reece.

**CHANG**
Mark and Haedeh are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Dana Li Yue on 14th April 2008 weighing 8lb 4oz. A sister for Aida.

**CHAPMAN**
Paul and Helen Chapman of Edenbridge are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Lainey Mae Chapman born 8th April 2008 weighing 5lb 2oz - a little sister for Ethan.

**CHEEL-JENNINGS**
Ian and Nicole are proud to announce the birth of their twin girls Chelsea Claire Priscilla and Heidi Lisa Angela born on 9th April 2008 weighing 2lb 15oz and 3lb 3oz at Darent Valley Hospital. Two baby sisters for James.

**COX**
Katie and Owen Cox of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Megan Susan Cox on 20th April 2008.

**CREASEY**
Lalita and Alan Creasey of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Ethan Antonio Creasey on 25th March 2008.

**CULPAN**
Beautiful girl Georgie Mary Culpan was born on 25th March 2008 weighing in at 5lb 15oz. Daughter to Anthony and Kirstie. Dover Kent

**DEVELL**
Harry and Rachel are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Grace Betsy born on 22nd April 2008 weighing 5lb 10oz a sister for Leigh.

**DIX**
Sophia Dix born on the 15th April 2008, weighing 6lb 15oz. Daughter to Toby Dix and Chantal Jackman in Hythe.

**EDWARDS**
Sam and Nicola are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Chloe Marie on 22nd April 2008 weighing 6lb 6oz. A sister for Josh.

**FERGUSON**
Roy and Nicola Ferguson of Hever are proud to announce the birth of their son Benjamin George Ferguson, born 17th April 2008 weighing 8lb 11oz.

**FIELD**
Jessica Anne Sophie Field was born to her delighted parents Lee and Alison on the 17th April 2008. She was born at 3.13am and weighed 7lb 11oz. Jessica is a bundle of joy for all her family.

**FOWLER**
Liam Daniel Fowler born on 24th April 2008 to Daniel and Louise in Maidstone, baby brother to Katie.

**FROST-OLIVER**
Maria, James and Morgan are pleased to announce the birth of Jude Freddy Seymour Frost-Oliver on 22nd April 2008 at Maidstone, weighing 7lb 11oz.

**GHAG**
Onkar and Raman are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their handsome son Rahul Singh Ghag, who was born on the 29th March 2008 at 11.15 am and weighed 6lb 5oz.

**GOUGH**
Sarah and Dean of Ramsgate are delighted to announce the birth of their son Alfie Dean Kevin, born on 11th April 2008 at QEQM Hospital Margate. Our most beautiful and precious son.

**GRATTAN WILKINSON**
Samuel Sutherland born on 24th April 2008, weighing 7lb 10oz. Beloved son of Mirjam Schrenk and Gavin Grattan Wilkinson in Maidstone.

**GRIGGS**
To Sarah of Herne Bay a beautiful son, Finlay Max, born on 17th April 2008 weighing 9lb 6oz. First grandchild for Sandra and Trevor.

**HALL / BEGENT**
Ky and Michelle of Canterbury are very proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Melissa Louise Hall, on 9th April 2008.

**HEATH**
Tony and Debbie are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Scarlett Poppy Heath a sister for Alana and Lexie. Scarlett was born on the 12th April at 5.44 pm and weighed 6lb 15oz.

**HENNESSEY**
Graham and Alison of Whitstable are very pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Sophia Louise, on 22nd April 2008. Sophia weighed 11lb 8oz. A new baby sister for Olivia.

**IRVING / AUSTIN**
David and Gemma of Faversham are extremely proud to announce the birth of their gorgeous son, Jaydon David Irving, on 24th April 2008 weighing 7Ib 5oz.

**MARTIN**
Ben and Helen of Faversham are proud to announce the birth of their son, Daniel Benjamin, on 14th April 2008. Daniel weighed 6lb 9oz.

**MUREFU**
Jeremiah and Precious are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son Luke Murefu. He was born on the 16th April 2008 at 4.10pm and weighed 6lb 14oz. May the good lord be with him always.

**NEAL**
George and Aimee Neal of Hildenborough are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Phoebe Hilda born 24th April 2008 weighing 8lb 4oz.

**NOBLE**
Jacqueline and Ian of Broadstairs are delighted to announce the birth of their son Alfie Jack, born at home on 22nd April 2008. Brother to Lottie and Alexandra.

**PAYNE**
Jason and Jenny of Herne Bay are very proud to announce the birth of second son, Taylor Mackenzie, on 26th April 2008. A new baby brother for Bradley.

**RAI**
Manju and Jiwan Rai of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Riva Rai on 4th April 2008.

**RAMKURRUN**
Gavin and Katrina are pleased to announce the birth of their first son Theo on 22nd April 2008 weighing 7lb 8oz at Pembury Hospital. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

**RONCHETTI**
Theo Donovan born on 27th March 2008 weighing 6lb 12oz. Son to Judith and Marco in Maidstone.

**ROPER**
Alex and Nicola of Herne Bay are very proud to announce the birth of their son, Caden Charlie, born at home on 18th April 2008. A new baby brother for Lucas and Jacob.

**SAIT**
Helena and Jonathan Sait are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Ivana May on 9th April 2008 weighing 7lb 14oz.

**STRAFFON**
Justin and Leanne of Hersden are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Mya-Grace, on 25th April 2008. She weighed 7Ib 15oz.

**WELLS-CUTTS**
William and Hayley of Faversham are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful son, Caelen Louis James, on 19th April 2008.

**WHITING**
Lexie Bea born on 7th April 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital weighing 8lb 1oz. Daughter to Mark and Louisa, sister for Ellie, Eoin and Oscar.

## DEATHS

**ALLEN**
Rod Allen of Walderslade passed away suddenly on 17th April 2008. Donations to Button Funeral Services 417 High Street Chatham.

**ANDREW**
Derek John Andrew of Kingswood passed away on 23rd April 2008. Enquiries to A.W. Court Grafty Green 01622 85084.

**ARTHUR**
Jack Arthur passed away on 25th April 2008. Funeral Service at Barham Crematorium at 15:20 on Friday 9th May 2008. Donations for Victoria Hospital to J Dilnot Smith and Son 01304 380914.

**BEVAN**
Olive Lilian Bevan, ex Deputy Headmistress of Gordon Girls School, Gravesend, died peacefully at Wombwell Nursing Home on 27th April 2008 aged 97 years. Funeral to be held at Medway Crematorium on Tuesday 13th May at 11.00am. All friends are welcome to attend, please phone 0780 3507644 if you should wish to participate in Olives farewell.

**BOOKER**
Helen Rebecca Booker of Herne Bay passed away peacefully on 26th April 2008 aged 91 years. A much loved sister, sister-in-law and aunt. The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to her kind and caring neighbours and friends. The funeral will be on 9th May at 11.20am at Barham Crematorium.

**BOWLES**
Gertrude of Hildenborough passed away peacefully at Harpwood Residential Home on 26th April aged 104 years. Much loved Mum, Grandma and Great Grandma who will be sadly missed. All enquiries via Abbey Funeral Services, Tonbridge.

**BROWN**
Rosa Annette Brown of Maidstone passed away peacefully on 18th April 2008 aged 90 years. A much loved Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother who will be sadly missed.

**GERMANEY**
Irene Maud (formerly Lloyd) passed away on 25th April 2008 at Darent Valley Hospital. Reunited with her beloved husband Ernie mother Ellen and father James. A much loved mum to Janet and Shirley, much loved grandmother to Kellie and much loved "grape" grandmother to William and Abigail. Love you always.

**JERROM**
Irene Jerrom of Borough Green formerly of Thorpe Bay passed away peacefully on 25th April 2008 aged 92.

**McKEEN**
Rosina May McKeen of Dover passed away on 22nd April 2008. A loving mum to Jean, Edna and Vera and a much loved Nan to her four grandchildren and two great grand daughters. She will be very sadly missed.

**McKINLEY**
Thomas Joseph McKinley passed away on the 20th April 2008 at Wilmington Manor. He will be sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral 11.00 on the 12th May at Eltham Crematorium everyone welcome. Enquiries to Nash 020 8303 1476.

**MEAGER**
James (Jim) Meager formerly of The Grove West Kingsdown passed away on 26th April aged 74 years after a long illness. Funeral service at St Edmund King and Martyr on Monday 12th May at West Kingsdown. Further details from Welham Jones Funeral Directors 01322 619100.

**MEEKS**
Joan Dorothy Meeks (formerly Marshall of Whitstable) of Canterbury passed away on 21st April 2008 aged 87 years. A loving mum, Nan, great Nan and great great Nan who will be very sadly missed by all the family. The funeral is to be held at Barham, all enquiries to Co-operative Funeral Care, Herne Bay. Family flowers only but if desired donations to The Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury.

**MUMFORD**
Audrey passed away on the 25th April 2008. Funeral Service at Barham Crematorium at 13:20pm on 8th May 2008. Enquiries to J Dilnot Smith and son 01304 380914.

**OLOUGHIN**
James (Locky) passed away on 15th April 2008 at home in Leysdown aged 68. Beyond the gate you will find happiness and rest and there is comfort in the thought that you will remain close to us.

**OWEN**
Barry Owen of Crayford who worked at GSK Dartford died suddenly on 23rd April 2008. Funeral service to be held at Eltham Crematorium on Tuesday 13th May at 2.00pm.

**PLAYER**
Amy Margaret died peacefully at Gloucester House Sevenoaks on 24th April 2008 aged 91years. Will be sadly missed by her family, friends and past pupils. Funeral at St Thomas Church Sevenoaks on 8th May at 2pm. Enquiries to Welham Jones Sevenoaks.

**POUT**
Laura Irene Pout of Canterbury passed away peacefully on 21st April 2008. A loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother who will be very sadly missed.

**SMITH**
Jim ( Sidney James) Smith of Deal passed away after an illness bravely borne, on 28th April 2008 at The Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury. Beloved husband of Rosemary,much loved dad to Robert and Heather and loving Grandad to Aston, Dayton, Harvey and Olivia. He will be so very sadly missed by vthe family and all who knew him. Funeral enquiries to Dilnott Smith, Gladstone Road, Deal.

**WELLS**
Ronald Nelson Wells passed away on 22nd April 2008 at home in West Farleigh. Beyond the gate you will find happiness and rest, and there is comfort in the thought that you will remain close to us, your loving daughters Nella, Veronica and Pauline.

**WEST**
Gladys West of Beltinge passed away peacefully on 29th April 2008 , following a long illness. Beloved wife of Albert, loving mother to David and Philip, much loved grandmother and great grandmother.
The family wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of both The Kimberley Nursing Home mand Queen Victoria Hospital, Herne Bay. Please contact C W Lyons, Whitstable, regarding funeral arrangements.

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*Paul Carter*
*Leader, Kent County Council*

## We should give grants

The Government goes on about increasing the number of working class children in university but continues to put up barriers.

At a time when City bonuses increase and MPs enjoy high expense allowances why do we still expect our young to pay for their university education for years after they qualify?

Most of our politicians had the benefit of a grant to pay for their education. Why do they stop others from getting the same benefit?

It is time to restore free university education for our people. The benefit of this will be felt by the whole of society as these youngsters will then be able to bring their complete ability to the service of their communities.

*David Hawley, Student Liaison Officer*
*Medway Trades Union Council, Gillingham*

## Pensioners will suffer

Following the debacle that was the ending of the 10p tax rate, the Prime Minister announced that the losers would be compensated through, among other things, the Pension Credit system.

Is this the same Pension Credit system the government will cut by 75 per cent in October 2008? At the moment all new Pension Credit awards are backdated for up to 12 months. From October all backdated awards will be restricted to just three months. As most claims are for £25 per week, this effectively means some of the poorest pensioners in Britain will be robbed of around £975 in the first year of their claim.

Once again New Labour robs the poor to pay the rich.

*Roy Hollister*
*Independent Benefits Advice Service, Dartford*

## Faster safety solution

Reading KCC's weekly information page on what they are doing on our roads made me spill my chardonnay!

"Keeping up to speed" was the headline. How perverse, because in fact, it will be the opposite. Speed limits always go down, it is only the added congestion that goes up.

Instead of promoting the government anti-mobility agenda, KCC would be better off cutting down vegetation at junctions, and having a campaign to promote that residents do the same to their properties, to make their driveway exits more safe.

*Terry Hudson*
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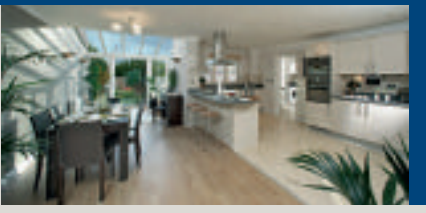

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# Engineering firm creates 21st century apprentices

By **PHIL REILLY**
phil.reilly@kosmedia.co.uk

AN INTERNATIONAL engineering firm is teaming up with a Kent college to offer a new programme of apprenticeships.

Billed as 'Traditional apprenticeships for the 21st century', the scheme is run in partnership by Cummins Power Generation and South Kent College.

The company, which has its European base at Manston, near Ramsgate, makes generators that can be used for anything from back-up power supplies at hospitals to stand-alone machines to be used in the desert.

The firm had been training its staff on a day release basis as they worked, but was not satisfied with the results.

The new course will allow trainees to study full-time for a year before joining the company.

Jeannetta Deeney, the company's health, safety and environmental manager, said: "We found what we had been delivered previously wasn't as appropriate to our business as we had hoped. We looked at what was on offer and we made a decision that we wanted to put [our trainees] on a year full-time as opposed to four years doing single days."

The new course will offer a broad range of engineering skills, including mechanical and electrical engineering.

The 'Apprenticeship Plus' scheme will allow students to gain a modern apprenticeship and HNC (Higher National Certificate).

Zeph Norrish, the college's deputy director of technology, said: "Cummins requires apprentices that have a broad range of skills in a variety of engineering disciplines. Cummins is continuing to work with the college to develop the programme and through the recruitment process. The company intends to build on this partnership with successive years' apprentices."

To qualify for the course, students are required to have five GCSEs at grade C or above, including science, English and maths.

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Headteacher: A J Stanley B.Ed M.A. (Ed)

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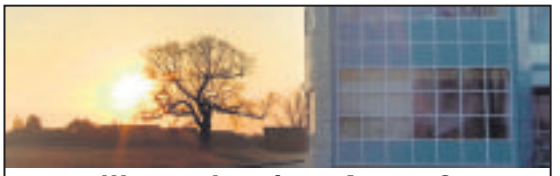

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To request an information pack please contact Marion Wigington quoting ref 05/01 by email at:
m.wigington@spiresacademy.com

Closing date: 16th May 2008 at noon
Interview date: 27th May 2008

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## Qualified Teacher

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In the context of the Government's agenda of rolling out children's centres to cover the country, Kent County Council is seeking to appoint 1 full-time equivalent qualified early years teacher to work in support of children's centres. These exciting opportunities will involve working alongside early education and childcare providers in all sectors to promote and support the highest quality care and learning opportunities for children from birth to five.

Kent currently has 20 Children's Centres throughout the county - with plans to increase this to 72 by 2008. Each centre serves approximately 800 children, offering a range of multi-agency services, with a qualified teacher contributing to the strategic development and direction.

You will be outstanding and experienced practitioners, possessing excellent interpersonal and communication skills as these will be crucial to achievement in this significantly multi-agency, cross sector environment.

Kent is seeking to appoint candidates on a part-time basis to work in one centre, or alternatively on a full-time basis to work across two centres. **Ref: CFE/08/0172.**

If you would like further information about these exciting posts please contact in the first instance Dion Darley on 01622 626761 or email dion.darley@kent.gov.uk

**Closing date: Midday, 22 May 2008.**
**Interviews to be held week commencing 16 June 2008.**

## Education Welfare Officer

**Starting salary £20,061, with progression through Contribution Related Pay to £22,825 pro rata**
**0.6 Full-time Equivalent (3 days per week)**
**Kroner House, Ashford**
**(Shepway 1 Cluster Based Service)**

We are currently looking for a person to join our team. Education Welfare Officers work with schools, families and pupils to promote regular school attendance. The work is challenging and requires ability to work independently as well as being a good team member. You will receive in service training, regular supervision, and team support in your work with schools, pupils, their families and other agencies.

The ability to travel is essential as visiting schools and homes etc is essential to the work. **Ref: CFE/08/0184.**

For further information about the post, please contact Debbie Spice, District & Court Co-ordinator, Attendance & Behaviour Service on 01233 898673.

**Closing date: Midday, 15 May 2008.**

### Joy Lane Children's Centre, Whitstable

We are seeking to recruit an administrator and a receptionist to work in our new Children's Centre in Whitstable.

## Children's Centre Administrator

**Starting salary £15,826, with progression through Contribution Related Pay to £16,627 per annum pro rata**
**1 x part-time post**

You will need to be a well-organised person, able to be sensitive to the needs of children and their families. The role will include creating and maintaining filing systems, day-to-day administrative support and maintaining financial records, stationery ordering and the processing of incoming and outgoing mail.

You should be educated GCSE, or equivalent English and Mathematics and have some general office experience. Having good IT skills and being a good team worker are essential. **Ref: CFE/08/0182.**

## Children's Centre Receptionist

**Starting salary £13,959, with progression through Contribution Related Pay to £15,826 per annum**

You will need to have an open, friendly, welcoming nature with a tactful and flexible approach. To be the first point of contact for all visitors, dealing with all enquiries and visitors in a courteous and welcoming manner, ensuring all visitors are shown in an appropriate manner to their destination within the centre.

The role will include processing information received by mail, telephone or email, managing room bookings, meeting and greeting parents and visitors and ensuring the reception area of the children's centre is pleasant and welcoming to the visitors of the children's centre.

You should have a confident telephone manner, good IT skills and some general receptionist or office duties experience. Enjoying working with parents, children and young people is essential. **Ref: CFE/08/0183.**

For general information about the posts please contact Dion Darley on 01622 626761. For detailed information about the posts please contact Helen Jones on 01227 284513.

**Closing date: Midday, 19 May 2008.**

**These posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.**

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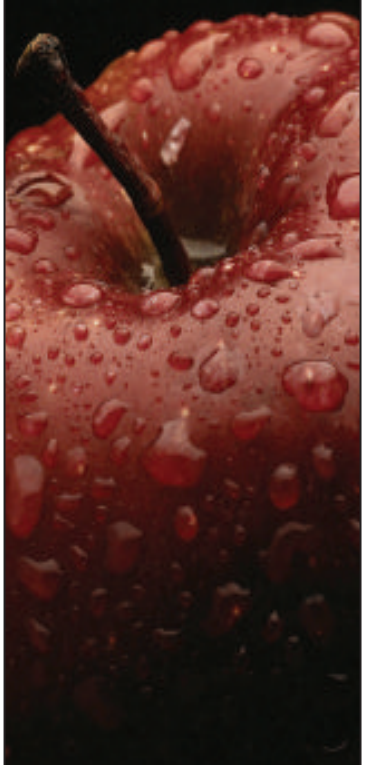

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## ADMINISTRATION, SECRETARIAL, PA

JOB TITLE:
### Children's Centre Administrator
LOCATION:
**Ashford**
SALARY:
**Starting salary £15,826, with progression through Contribution Related Pay to £16,627 per annum pro rata**
COMPANY:
**Kent County Council**
1 x part-time post You will need to be a well-organised person, able to be sensitive to the needs of children and their families. The role will include creating and maintaining filing systems, day-to-day administrative support and maintaining financial records, stationery ordering and the processing of incoming and outgoing mail. You should be educated GCSE, or equivalent English and Mathematics and have some general office experience. Having good IT skills and being a good team worker are essential.
**TO APPLY:**
Kent County Council
Tel: 0845 8247 904.
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
19 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### Children's Centre Receptionist
LOCATION:
**Ashford**
SALARY:
**Starting salary £13,959, with progression through Contribution Related Pay to £15,826 per annum**
COMPANY:
**Kent County Council**
You will need to have an open, friendly, welcoming nature with a tactful and flexible approach. To be the first point of contact for all visitors, dealing with all enquiries and visitors in a courteous and welcoming manner, ensuring all visitors are shown in an appropriate manner to their destination within the centre. The role will include processing information received by mail, telephone or email, managing room bookings, meeting and greeting parents and visitors and ensuring the reception area of the children's centre is pleasant and welcoming to the visitors of the children's centre. You should have a confident telephone manner, good IT skills and some general receptionist or office duties experience. Enjoying working with parents, children and young people is essential.
**TO APPLY:**
Dion Darley
Kent County Council
Tel: 01622 626761
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk

JOB TITLE:
### Housing Assistant
LOCATION:
**Folkestone**
SALARY:
**£15,303 - £17,679 (pay award pending)**
COMPANY:
**Shepway District Council**
Based in Folkestone, Coast and Countryside Housing Services are seeking a motivated, enthusiastic and flexible person to join the team. The primarily office-based Housing Assistant's role involves administration of a range of housing functions to provide an efficient and effective administrative and support service to our customers, focusing on repairs, housing management and arrears recovery. You will need telephone, keyboard and computer skills, and have an interest and, ideally, experience of working in the housing field. In order to fulfil this demanding role, you will need excellent communication skills and must be able to prioritise work in a high-pressure environment. For application details email, phone or download at www.shepway.gov.uk CVS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.
**TO APPLY:**
Shepway District Council
Tel: 01303 853481
Email jobs@shepway.gov.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
16 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### MEDICAL SECRETARY
LOCATION:
**Margate**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Spencer Wing (The)**
Part-time (30hrs) increasing to full time in October We are looking for an enthusiastic, highly motivated person who has a flexible approach to work to join our team. Experience of working in a medical environment and a medical secretarial qualification would be beneficial.
**TO APPLY:**
Spencer Wing (The)
Tel: 01843 234556
Email E-mail:
mandyo@thespencerwing.com
**CLOSING DATE**
15 May 2008

## CATERING, HOSPITALITY

JOB TITLE:
### Chef de partie, sous chef,kitchen porters
LOCATION:
**Ramsgate**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Age & Sons**
Chef de partie, sous chef, kitchen porters wanted for new restaurant in Ramsgate
**TO APPLY:**
Age & Sons
Tel: 07919 124 985
Email harrietleigh@gmail.com

## CONSTRUCTION, ARCHITECTURE, SURVEYORS

JOB TITLE:
### Contracts Surveyor - Insurance Works
LOCATION:
**Dartford**
SALARY:
**Circa £30 - 35k per annum dependant upon experience**
COMPANY:
**Regent Development Ltd**
Must be capable of hands on surveying of small domestic Insurance Works, formulating a list of materials required and preparing a job scope using a computer (Excel). Some formulation of variations and problem solving entailed. Computer Training will be given to the successful applicants but previous experience in this Industry and an existing level of computer competence is required. Hours of work: 0830 to 1700 Monday to Friday. Holidays: 28 days per annum (pro-rata) inclusive of Bank Holidays. Summer/Christmas discretionary bonuses. Private Medical Insurance after 1 year's service. Current driving licence essential - Transport will be provided. We are an Investors in People Company. Please contact us for an application form: Unit D4, Riverside Industrial Estate, Riverside Way, Dartford, Kent. DA1 5BS.
**TO APPLY:**
Pat Slater
Regent Development Ltd
Tel: 01322 626240
Email pat.slater@regentgroup.co.uk

## CUSTOMER SERVICE, CALL CENTRE

JOB TITLE:
### Customer Service Assistants
LOCATION:
**Rochester**
SALARY:
**Hourly rate of pay £5.85**
COMPANY:
**Dawsons News**
These positions are available on a full time and part time basis. Full Time hours 08:00 to 16:30 Monday to Friday Part Time hours 08:00 to 14:00 Mon to Friday Hourly rate of pay £5.85 You will be required to provide a professional and efficient customer service function. If you are interested in applying please forward your C.V.
hr.recruitment@dawson.co.uk.
**TO APPLY:**
Dawsons News
Email hr.recruitment@dawson.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
### Customer Service Person
LOCATION:
**Dartford**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Undisclosed**
Customer service person required for small marine support company. Please apply to: Box 124, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6SR
**TO APPLY:**
Email accounts@kosmedia.co.uk

## DOMESTIC

JOB TITLE:
### CARETAKER
LOCATION:
**Dartford**
SALARY:
**£13,959 - £15,826 pro rata**
COMPANY:
**Wilmington Enterprise College**
52 weeks (hours negotiable). To join our existing team responsible for security, caretaking, cleaning, painting and general maintenance needs of the school. To start as soon as possible. Kent Scheme 3 Points 7 -11 (£13,959 - £15,826 pro rata). Please contact the school for application form and further details.
**TO APPLY:**
Wilmington Enterprise College
Tel: 01322 272111
Email admin@wec.kent.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
6th May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### Domestic Saturday Work
LOCATION:
**Sittingbourne**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Country Care**
A Residential Home for adults with learning disabilities require a Domestic for Saturday work. Please contact Mrs Brooks below.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs Brooks
Country Care
Tel: 01795 886220
Email ellenscourt@btconnect.com

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JOB TITLE:
### Mobile Office/Public Convenience Cleaners x3
LOCATION:
**Sevenoaks**
SALARY:
**£15,027 p.a. to £18,316 p.a. rising to £19,442 p.a.**
COMPANY:
**Sevenoaks District Council**
Sevenoaks District Council provides high quality toilet and office cleaning services across the District and under contract to neighbouring boroughs and Parish Councils. Your duties will involve the daily cleaning of offices and public conveniences to a specified standard. This will include WC's, basins & urinals, as well as walls, floors, ceilings etc and the removal of graffiti. You will also be expected to restock the facilities with toilet rolls, soap, paper towels etc and be required to record faults and problems and report these to a Supervisor. You will have use of a Council van to carry out your duties, therefore you must be able to drive and hold a full, clean UK driving licence. You will be part of a team, but will work independently, and will therefore be reliable and responsible with a flexible approach and able to use initiative. You will be expected to work on a rota basis which includes early and late shifts including Saturday and Sunday working, with split shifts to maintain daily cleaning standards. Basic working hours are 37 hours per week with overtime or fixed rate payments for hours worked in excess of this. You will be committed to customer care and delivering a quality service. Although not essential, knowledge of Hygiene Best Practice and COSHH regulations would be desirable. For an informal discussion about these posts, please contact John Cox, Cleansing Manager on 01959 567375. Our staff benefits package includes, a final salary contributory pension scheme, flexible annual leave and working arrangements, free membership of Sencio's Leisure Centres in the District, a childcare vouchers scheme and excellent training and development opportunities.
**TO APPLY:**
the Human Resources Team
Sevenoaks District Council
Tel: 01732 227102
(24 hours)
Email
recruitment@sevenoaks.gov.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
Tuesday 6th May 2008

## EDUCATION, TEACHER, SCHOOL

JOB TITLE:
### 14-19 Co-ordinator
LOCATION:
**Aylesford**
SALARY:
**L10 - 14 pro rata**
COMPANY:
**Aylesford School - Sports College**
The post will suit a consultant who is able to offer 60 days per academic year on a flexible basis or equivalent part-time appointment, Salary Range: L10 -14 pro-rata Required for September 2008 (for 1 year in the first instance) Medway Valley is a Consortium comprising of Aylesford School - Sports College, Malling Holmesdale Federation and Wrotham School. We currently collaborate on post 16 provision. We are now seeking to appoint a an enthusiastic, experienced and suitably qualified person to develop the 14-19 curriculum across the schools. You will: •Have a commitment to improving learning opportunities for young people; • Have considerable teaching experience preferably at a senior level; •Be up to date with developments in the 14 -19 reform programme The schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The post is subject to an enhanced CRB check. An information pack is available from Aylesford School – Sports College, Teapot Lane, Aylesford, Kent. ME20 7JU. telephone 01622 717341 or email the Headteacher's PA, Jill McKenna
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk.
**TO APPLY:**
Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
Email
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
16th May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### AST Technology
LOCATION:
**Rochester**
SALARY:
**Salary: MPS/UPS**
COMPANY:
**Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School**
Full Time and Permanent.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs Jacqeline Harrison
Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School
Tel: 01634 844008
Email office@
sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
7 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### Co-ordinator Mathematics
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
**From £26,365 per annum**
COMPANY:
**Canterbury College**
37 hrs per week
**TO APPLY:**
Personnel Office
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
(24hr answerphone)
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
### Co-ordinator Public Services
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
**From £26,365 per annum**
COMPANY:
**Canterbury College**
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £26,365 per annum. For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel office on 01227 811282 (24 hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.
**TO APPLY:**
Personnel Office
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
24hr answerphone)
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
Monday 12 May

JOB TITLE:
### Curriculum Support Assistant within the Faculty of ICT, Retail and Commercial, Leisure and Tourism, Business and Law
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
**£18,375 pro rata per annum**
COMPANY:
**Canterbury College**
37 hrs per week, 38 weeks per year term time. For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel office on 01227 811282 (24 hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.
**TO APPLY:**
Personnel Office
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
(24hr answerphone)
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
Monday 12 May

JOB TITLE:
### Deputy Headteacher
LOCATION:
**Gillingham**
SALARY:
**L12-L16 +relocation package**
COMPANY:
**Fairview Community Primary School**
Full Time and Permanent.
**TO APPLY:**
Debbie Willis
Fairview Community Primary School
Tel: 01634 338710
Email headteacher@
fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
9 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### Director of Learning
LOCATION:
**Aylesford**
SALARY:
**Leadership Scale Points 5 - 9**
COMPANY:
**Aylesford School - Sports College**
Aylesford School - Sports College is an innovative forward looking Specialist Sports College. We have a strong community ethos where we put the learner at the heart of everything we do. You are invited to apply for the post of Director of Learning. At Aylesford School – Sports College we can offer you:- *A brand new school. *Outstanding new facilities in all areas. *A highly regarded CPD programme with personal professional pathways. *A buzzing and vibrant staff who are friendly and keen to help one another. *A forward looking curriculum with individualised pathways for students. The Governors of the School are seeking to appoint a dynamic, ambitious and highly motivated leader to manage and lead one of our 'Schools of Learning'. They should possess significant management skills already as well as leadership potential. For an application pack please contact Miss Jill McKenna or email your request to
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk. Completed application forms should be accompanied by a letter of application including how your experience to date will contribute to the School and specially this developing role.
**TO APPLY:**
Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
Email
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
09/05/2008

JOB TITLE:
### Foundation Stage 2 / Key Stage 1 Teacher
LOCATION:
**Gillingham**
SALARY:
**Salary: MPS/UPS**
COMPANY:
**Twydall Infant School**
Full Time and Permanent.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs. S. Fedosiuk
Twydall Infant School
Tel: 01634 231761
Email headteacher@
twydallinf.medway.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
9 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### Full Time Teacher required
LOCATION:
**Margate**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Greenfields Community Primary School**
Due to promotion we are seeking an enthusiastic classroom practitioner with experience at Foundation Stage TLR available to the right candidate. Visits welcomed, For detailed description, online application and contact details please go to www.kent-teach.com.
**TO APPLY:**
Greenfields Community Primary School
Tel: 01622 758538
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
8th May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### Graduate Teacher Programme - Maths/Science/ICT
LOCATION:
**Aylesford**
SALARY:
**TBC**
COMPANY:
**Aylesford School - Sports College**
Aylesford School - Sports College Teapot Lane, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7JU Tel: 01622 717341, Fax: 01622 790580 E-mail:
Jill.McKenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk ROLL 860 11 – 18 Mixed Foundation Secondary School The School is at an exciting time in its growth, and has moved into its brand new state-of-the-art buildings with purpose-built facilities for all subject areas. We are seeking to appoint suitable candidates to undertake teacher training via the Graduate Teacher Programme. The staff at the School are dedicated, innovative and progressive, together with being supportive of each other at all levels. The School is pro-active in encouraging personal development and career progression. To request an information pack and application form, please contact Jill McKenna on (01622) 717341 ext 204. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Check via the Criminal Records Bureau.
**TO APPLY:**
Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
Email
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
23rd May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### Handyperson
LOCATION:
**Ramsgate**
SALARY:
**Min £7.50 per hour dependent on experience**
COMPANY:
**Churchill House School of English**
Handyperson, someone experienced in DIY, to work from now to the end of September to help with small building works and office moves.
**TO APPLY:**
Lesley Game
Churchill House School of English
Tel: 01843 593630
Email lesley@churchillhouse.co.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
24th May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### Head of Chemistry
LOCATION:
**Rochester**
SALARY:
**Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR2b**
COMPANY:
**Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School**
Full Time and Permanent.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs Jacqeline Harrison
Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School
Tel: 01634 844008
Email office@
sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
7 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### Headteacher
LOCATION:
**Rochester**
SALARY:
**Salary: L20-L26 £55,782-£64,611**
COMPANY:
**Maundene School**
Full Time and Permanent.
**TO APPLY:**
Sue Bowers
Maundene School
Tel: 01634 331100
Email vacancies@medway.gov.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
9 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### Key Stage 1 Teacher MPS (Permanent)
LOCATION:
**Dartford**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**West Hill Primary School**
Do you wish to join a lively talented and friendly staff? We are seeking to appoint two enthusiastic and talented teachers to work in Key Stage 1 and in Key Stage 2. Applications from both experienced teachers and NQT's would be warmly welcomed. Applicants should have high expectations for pupils' learning and behaviour. The ability to work in a team is essential. Applicants must be prepared to build on the educational progress of the children and to contribute positively to the ethos of the school's community. Applicants are asked to state their curriculum interests. The school is well supported by the community it serves. The school has developed links with business and the international community. The school holds an International Award, Healthy Schools Award and the Active Mark. If you would like to learn more about the school, please send for an information pack. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. Completed application forms should be forwarded to the headteacher by this post is subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure.
**TO APPLY:**
West Hill Primary School
Tel: 01322 226019
Email office@west-hill.kent.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
9th May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### Key Stage 2 Teacher
LOCATION:
**Ashford**
SALARY:
**Main Pay Spineh**
COMPANY:
**Victoria Road Primary School**
We require an experienced Key Stage 2 Teacher to join our team. A teaching and learning responsibility point is available to the right candidate, who would take on a core curriculum subject. He/she would join us in September 2008, to teach a lower Key Stage 2 class. The successful candidate will be an accomplished teacher with experience across Key Stage 2. He or she would possess the ability to lead a small team of teaching assistants to enable us to continue to achieve high standards throughout Key Stage 2. A willingness to undertake management tasks in other areas of school life, eg after school activities, is essential. The individual will lead a key area of the curriculum for the school, for which non-contact management time is provided. We are a "good" school (OFSTED July 2007) with an acknowledged capacity to become even better.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs E Steele,
Victoria Road Primary School
Tel: 01233 620044
Email e mail school@
victoria-road.kent.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
16th May 2008

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JOB TITLE:
### Key Stage 2 Teacher MPS (Permanent)
LOCATION:
**Dartford**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**West Hill Primary School**
Do you wish to join a lively talented and friendly staff? We are seeking to appoint two enthusiastic and talented teachers to work in Key Stage 1 and in Key Stage 2. Applications from both experienced teachers and NQT's would be warmly welcomed. Applicants should have high expectations for pupils' learning and behaviour. The ability to work in a team is essential. Applicants must be prepared to build on the educational progress of the children and to contribute positively to the ethos of the school's community. Applicants are asked to state their curriculum interests. The school is well supported by the community it serves. The school has developed links with business and the international community. The school holds an International Award, Healthy Schools Award and the Active Mark. If you would like to learn more about the school, please send for an information pack. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. Completed application forms should be forwarded to the headteacher by 9th May 2008. This post is subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure.
**TO APPLY:**
West Hill Primary School
Tel: 01322 226019
Email office@west-hill.kent.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
9th May 2008

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**KS2 Teacher**
LOCATION:
**Rochester**
SALARY:
**Salary: MPS/UPS**
COMPANY:
**Elaine Primary School**
Full Time and Permanent.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs Lynn Garnham
Elaine Primary School
Tel: 01634 718057
Email
Headteacher@elaine.medway.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
9th May 2008

JOB TITLE:
**KS2 Teacher**
LOCATION:
**Gillingham**
SALARY:
**Salary: MPS/UPS**
COMPANY:
**Burnt Oak Primary School**
Full Time and Permanent.
**TO APPLY:**
Burnt Oak Primary School
Tel: 01634 852991
Email
office@burntoak.medway.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
12 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
**KS2 Teacher**
LOCATION:
**Gillingham**
SALARY:
**Salary: MPS/UPS**
COMPANY:
**Burnt Oak Primary School**
Full Time and Permanent.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs Gill Perry
Burnt Oak Primary School
Tel: 01634 852991
Email
office@burntoak.medway.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
12 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
**KS2 Teacher (Responsibility for Literacy)**
LOCATION:
**Rochester**
SALARY:
**Salary: MPS + TLR 2b - £3940**
COMPANY:
**Gordon Junior School**
Full Time and Permanent.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs Ellen Wilson
Gordon Junior School
Tel: 01634 719971
Email headteacher@
gordon-jun.medway.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
13 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer Animal Care and Land Based Studies**
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
**£17,816 - £25,545 per annum**
COMPANY:
**Canterbury College**
37 hrs per week, Fixed-term post for one year For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel office on 01227 811282 (24 hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.
**TO APPLY:**
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JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer Animal Care and Land Based Studies**
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
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COMPANY:
**Canterbury College**
3 x 37 hrs per week.
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JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer Corporate ICT**
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
**£17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum**
COMPANY:
**Canterbury College**
2 x 9.25 hrs per week, Fixed-term post for two years.
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JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer Early Years**
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
**£17,816 - £25,545 per annum**
COMPANY:
**Canterbury College**
37 hrs per week.
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SALARY:
**£17,816 - £25,545 per annum**
COMPANY:
**Canterbury College**
37 hrs per week, For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel office on 01227 811282 (24 hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.
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JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer HE Graphic Design**
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
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COMPANY:
**Canterbury College**
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JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer HE Health and Social Care**
LOCATION:
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SALARY:
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COMPANY:
**Canterbury College**
18.5 hrs per week.
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LOCATION:
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JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer in Business**
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
**£17,816 - £25,545 per annum**
COMPANY:
**Canterbury College**
37 hrs per week. For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel office on 01227 811282 (24 hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.
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JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer in Computer Games and Interactive Media**
LOCATION:
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SALARY:
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COMPANY:
**Canterbury College**
18.5 hrs per week.
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JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer in Forensic Science**
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
**£17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum**
COMPANY:
**Canterbury College**
7.4 hrs per week.
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JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer in French**
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
**£17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum**
COMPANY:
**Canterbury College**
14.8 hrs per week, Fixed-term post for one year For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel office on 01227 811282 (24 hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.
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JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer in Graphic Design/Digital Photography**
LOCATION:
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SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer in Hospitality and Catering**
LOCATION:
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JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer in Journalism**
LOCATION:
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SALARY:
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JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer in Media Theory**
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COMPANY:
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JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer in Performing Arts - Theatre Production Arts**
LOCATION:
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SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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18.5 hrs per week.
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JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer in Performing Arts and Dance Techniques**
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer in Psychology**
LOCATION:
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JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer in Science**
LOCATION:
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SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer Key Skills in ICT and Application of Number within Dance and Dramatic Arts**
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
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COMPANY:
**Canterbury College**
18.5 hrs per week, For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel office on 01227 811282 (24 hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.
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JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer Key Skills within Early Years and Public Services**
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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37 hrs per week, For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel office on 01227 811282 (24 hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.
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JOB TITLE:
**Lecturer Public Services**
LOCATION:
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SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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27.75 hrs per week, For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel office on 01227 811282 (24 hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.
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JOB TITLE:
**Network Manager**
LOCATION:
**Aylesford**
SALARY:
**KS7 £20,061 - £22,825**
COMPANY:
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**TO APPLY:**
Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
Email
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
16/05/2008

JOB TITLE:
**Publications and Design Officer**
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
**£20,775 per annum**
COMPANY:
**Canterbury College**
37 hrs per week, For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel office on 01227 811282 (24 hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.
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COMPANY:
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**TO APPLY:**
Dion Darley
Kent County Council
Tel: 01622 626761
Email dion.darley@kent.gov.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
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JOB TITLE:
**Recruitment Officer**
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
**£16,364 per annum**
COMPANY:
**Canterbury College**
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JOB TITLE:
**SEN Teacher**
LOCATION:
**Rochester**
SALARY:
**Salary: MPS + 2 SEN Points**
COMPANY:
**Abbey Court School**
Full Time and Permanent.
**TO APPLY:**
Linda Taylor
Abbey Court School
Tel: 01634 338224
Email
office@abbeycourt.med.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
9 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
**Subject Lead Learner - ICT**
LOCATION:
**Aylesford**
SALARY:
**MPS + TLR2b**
COMPANY:
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Subject Lead Learner - ICT (Subject teachers with development potential, would be strongly considered.) TLR 2B (£3844) Aylesford School - Sports College is an innovative forward looking Specialist Sports College. We have a strong community ethos where we put the learner at the heart of everything we do. At Aylesford School - Sports College we can offer you:- A brand new school. Outstanding new facilities in all areas. NQT/ New staff induction package that is second to none. A highly regarded CPD programme with personal professional pathways. Your own laptop. A buzzing and vibrant staff who are friendly and keen to help one another. A forward looking curriculum with individualised pathways for students. We are looking for a committed professional who:- Is able to start in September. Can motivate pupils through the curriculum. Has the desire to make the difference.Is focussed on developing their career further. Is able to teach ICT at key stage 3 and 4. For an application pack please contact Miss Jill McKenna or email your request to jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
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Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
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16th May 2008

JOB TITLE:
**Subject Leader for Business Studies with a responsibility for Enterprise Education**
LOCATION:
**Rochester**
SALARY:
**Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR2a (£5778)**
COMPANY:
**Thomas Aveling School**
Full Time and Permanent.
**TO APPLY:**
Mr R Hart
Thomas Aveling School
Tel: 01634 844809
Email office@thomasaveling.co.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
9 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
**Supply Lecturers**
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
**Salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata pa**
COMPANY:
**Canterbury College**
Various hours are available. If you are a newly-qualified teacher, or an experienced specialist interested in a second career in Further Education,we are keen to hear from you. This is an exciting opportunity to gain valuable experience in the Further Education sector, supply lecturing offers the possibility of part-time hours fitted around your existing commitments, and according to your own specialist skills, qualifications and experience.

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JOB TITLE:
### Supply Lecturers Health and Social Care
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
**£17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum**
COMPANY:
**Canterbury College**
Various hours available.
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JOB TITLE:
### Supply Lecturers in Amenity Horticulture
LOCATION:
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JOB TITLE:
### Teacher of Music
LOCATION:
**Rainham**
SALARY:
**Salary: MPS/UPS**
COMPANY:
**Rainham School for Girls**
Full Time and Permanent.
**TO APPLY:**
Personnel Officer
Rainham School for Girls
Tel: 01634 362746
Email admin@rsg.org.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
12 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### Teacher of Art
LOCATION:
**Gillingham**
SALARY:
**Salary: MPS / UPS**
COMPANY:
**Rainham Mark Grammar**
Full Time and Permanent (Part time considered).
**TO APPLY:**
School Office
Rainham Mark Grammar
Tel: 01634 364151
Email
office@rainhammark.medway.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
7 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### Teacher of Business Studies
LOCATION:
**Rochester**
SALARY:
**Salary: MPS / UPS**
COMPANY:
**Thomas Aveling School**
Full Time and Permanent.
**TO APPLY:**
Mr R Hart
Thomas Aveling School
Tel: 01634 844809
Email office@thomasaveling.co.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
9 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### Teacher of Business Studies
LOCATION:
**Aylesford**
SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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**TO APPLY:**
Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
Email
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
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5th May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### Teacher of Chemistry
LOCATION:
**Chatham**
SALARY:
**Salary: MPS/UPS**
COMPANY:
**Fort Pitt Grammar**
Full Time and Permanent.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs L Maile, Fort Pitt Grammar
Tel: 01634 842359
Email headteacher@
fortpitt.medway.sch.uk
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JOB TITLE:
### Teacher of English (to be responsible for KS3 English)
LOCATION:
**Rochester**
SALARY:
**Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR2c**
COMPANY:
**Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School**
Full Time and Permanent.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs Jacqeline Harrison
Sir Joseph Williamson's
Mathematical School
Tel: 01634 844008
Email office@
sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
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JOB TITLE:
### Teacher of Health and Social Carei
LOCATION:
**Tonbridge**
SALARY:
**MPS**
COMPANY:
**Hillview School for Girls**
Due to the outstanding success of this expanding department we are seeking to appoint a talented and committed teacher to • Work as part of a dynamic team to raise the aspirations of our students • The ability and potential to teach across the full age and attainment range from KS4 to post-16. Applications are welcome from unqualified teachers with relevant sector experience.
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JOB TITLE:
### Teacher of History
LOCATION:
**Rochester**
SALARY:
**Salary: MPS/UPS**
COMPANY:
**Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School**
Full Time and Permanent.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs Jacqeline Harrison
Sir Joseph Williamson's
Mathematical School
Tel: 01634 844008
Email office@
sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk
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7 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### Teacher of Mathematics
LOCATION:
**Rochester**
SALARY:
**Salary: MPS/UPS**
COMPANY:
**Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School**
Full Time and Permanent.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs Jacqeline Harrison
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Mathematical School
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JOB TITLE:
### Teacher of Psychology
LOCATION:
**Chatham**
SALARY:
**Salary: MPS/UPS**
COMPANY:
**Fort Pitt Grammar**
Full Time and Permanent.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs L Maile, Fort Pitt Grammar
Tel: 01634 842359
Email headteacher@
fortpitt.medway.sch.uk
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JOB TITLE:
### Teacher of Religious Education
LOCATION:
**Chatham**
SALARY:
**Salary: MPS/UPS**
COMPANY:
**Fort Pitt Grammar**
Full Time and Permanent.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs L Maile, Fort Pitt Grammar
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JOB TITLE:
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LOCATION:
**Gravesend**
SALARY:
**TBC**
COMPANY:
**St John's Catholic Comprehensive School**
St John's is a sample school in Kent's first phase of Building Schools for the Future initiative and planning an exciting rebuild to give superb accommodation. We are seeking fully experienced teachers for the following full-time positions in September 2008 to help us develop before the school moves to the new premises in the academic year 2009/10. Assistant Headteacher (L11 - L15) Subject Leader of English (TLR 1b) Science Teacher (TLR 2a) Maths Teacher (TLR 2a) English (A possibility of TLR for an appropriately qualified person) Psychology Teacher Business Studies Teacher Maternity Cover for Teachers of Science and Art Also required for September: Pastoral Manager (non-teaching appointment) If you would like to be part of this exciting opportunity, please contact the school for an application pack. Job descriptions and application forms can also be downloaded from our website www.st-johns-gravesend.kent.sch.uk.
**TO APPLY:**
St John's Catholic Comprehensive School
Tel: 01474 534718
Email office@
st-johns-gravesend.kent.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
Friday 16th May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### Teachers Required for various subjects
LOCATION:
**Gravesend**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Northfleet School for Girls**
Join us as we move forward at this exciting time. Our new focus means we have opportunities for Teachers or tutors in Science Humanities (including Law, R.E. and History to A Level) Performing Arts NQT or KS2 Primary Teachers across the curriculum welcome to apply Support staff Learning Resource Technician in a multimedia and library area Learning Support Assistant & HLTA Opportunities Duty Manager (a role to allow learning to continue without disruption) Cover Supervisors We are a successful, over subscribed girls' school within the Thamesgateway, close to both the Ebbsfleet terminal and Bluewater outlet. Students in the 11-18 age range have an excellent reputation for the quality of our school productions and exam results. Northfleet School for Girls is an equal opportunities employer.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs Theresa Davies or Mrs Sam Chisholmo
Northfleet School for Girls
Tel: 0844 477 2525
Email email:personnel@
northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk

JOB TITLE:
### Technical Instructor, Dog Grooming
LOCATION:
**Medway**
SALARY:
**£15,888 to £18,569 pa**
COMPANY:
**Hadlow College**
Working as a member of the Animal Management Tean, we are looking to recruit an enthusiastic and motivated full-time Technical Instructor to work with our Dog Grooming Lecturer supporting the teaching and increasing the dog grooming client base and provision. We are currently building a start of the art Dog Grooming centre providing leading facilities and outstanding learning environment, The successful applicant will be actively involved in this exciting project. You will also provide demonstration and practical instruction in basic grooming skills for Further Eductaion students. You will be expected to carry out appropriate assessments as well as provide technical assistance to teaching staff, assist with the care of the dogs and maintenance of the resources. As well as being enthusiastic, flexible and a team player, the successful candidate will need: previous relevant practical experience, excellent written and verbal communication skills, well developed interpersonal skills, sound organisational, IT and administration skills, a recognised dog grooming qualification, or the willingness to work towards one.
**TO APPLY:**
Hadlow College
Tel: 01732 850551
Email jobs@hadlow.ac.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
12th May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### Trainer Demonstrator Business
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
**£18,375 pro rata per annum**
COMPANY:
**Canterbury College**
18.5 hrs per week, For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel office on 01227 811282 (24 hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.
**TO APPLY:**
Personnel Office
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
(24hr answerphone)
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
Monday 12 May

## ENGINEERING, MANUFACTURING, UTILITIES

JOB TITLE:
### CONVERSION OPERATIVES
LOCATION:
**Gillingham**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Fuji Seal Europe Ltd**
Working a continental shift pattern; four on and four off shift system including weekend working (6am - 6pm, 6pm - 6am). You will work in a busy manufacturing environment and be responsible for operating a variety of converting machinery and equipment, including slitting, seaming and rewinding in line with set production specifications. Previous manufacturing experience would be advantageous although full training will be given.-To apply for any of the above positions, please send your CV to HR Department, Fuji Seal Europe Ltd, Scimitar Close, Gillingham Business Park, Gillingham Kent ME8 0RJ.
**TO APPLY:**
Fuji Seal Europe Ltd
Email jobs@uk.fujiseal.com

JOB TITLE:
### Full Time Electronics Technician
LOCATION:
**Maidstone**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Alpha Electronics (Southern) Ltd**
required for busy test equipment recalibration and repair company. Knowledge of Electronic test equipment preferable. Competitive salary depending on experience plus bonus. Hours 8.30 to 4.30 Mon-Thurs, 8.30 to 4.00 Fri. Send CV to Mr A Willis, Alpha Electronics (Southern) Ltd, Unit 16 Wren Ind. Estate, Coldred Road, Maidstone, Kent ME15 9YT.
**TO APPLY:**
Mr A Willis,
Alpha Electronics (Southern) Ltd
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION ASSISTANT
LOCATION:
GILLINGHAM
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Fuji Seal Europe Ltd**
We are seeking a methodical and detail oriented person to join our technical team. The jobholder will undertake aspects of project assessment, completion of production specifications and the investigation of technical issues. Attention to detail is important. Good IT and organisational skills are also required. The job holder must be able to communicate well with people at all levels. Knowledge of flexible packaging / print processes would be desirable but not essential. You'll enjoy a full range of employee benefits, including: competitive salary, generous holiday entitlement, contributory pension scheme, life assurance, subsidised staff canteen and subsidised sports & social club. To apply for any of the above positions, please send your CV to HR Department, Fuji Seal Europe Ltd, Scimitar Close, Gillingham Business Park, Gillingham Kent ME8 0RJ with a covering letter indicating which position you are applying for.
**TO APPLY:**
Fuji Seal Europe Ltd
Email jobs@uk.fujiseal.com

JOB TITLE:
### Test Engineer
LOCATION:
**Ashford**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Integrated Technologies Ltd**
ITL is a specialist engineering company with 35 years of experience in contract medical, diagnostic and analytical instrument design and manufacture. We currently have a vacancy for an experienced and qualified Test Engineer to join our busy Manufacturing department. For a full job description and application form please see our website or call Vicki Newman. 01233 638383.
**TO APPLY:**
Vicki Newman
Integrated Technologies Ltd
Tel: 01233 638383
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

## GRADUATE, TRAINEES

JOB TITLE:
### Graduate Teacher Programme
LOCATION:
**Ashford**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Northfleet Technology College**
In collaboration with Canterbury Christ Church University College, we wish to offer the following Trainee placements on the Graduate Teacher Programme. Science Mathematics Music This very popular school of 900 boys, awarded specialist status in September 2003, is situated in the 'Thames Gateway' area of Kent, with excellent links to nearby London and the Channel coast. NTC is an exciting environment to work in, which is committed to the principle of lifelong learning for students and staff. There is a well established ethos of professional development for all our employees. We are looking for enthusiastic, hardworking individuals to join our team and if you enjoy working with young people, relish a challenge and feel you have the necessary skills for this post we would like to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Gill Taylor, our Initial Teacher Coordinator, for an informal chat about this opportunity and for further details. Please enclose/attach your CV. Do check our web site: www.ntc.kent.sch.uk.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs Gill Taylor
Northfleet Technology College
Tel: 01474 533802 Ext 201
Email taylorg@ntc.kent.sch.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
Tuesday 6 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
### NON DESTRUCTIVE TESTING (NDT) APPRENTICE
LOCATION:
**Sandwich**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Oceaneering**
Three year Apprenticeship will include both basic and advanced levels of NDT. • Working at heights, confined spaces, working away with unsociable hours, work location will initially be Dungeness B Power Station but will involve going to other British Energy power stations around the UK. • Flexible approach, team player and good communication skills essential. • GCSE passes in English, Maths and Science preferred. • Full clean driving licence. Applicants for vacancies must be eligible to work in the EEC. Oceaneering welcome applicants from all sections of the community. Submit a covering letter and CV to: NDTRecruitment@oceaneering.com
**TO APPLY:**
Oceaneering
Email
NDTRecruitment@oceaneering.com

## HEALTH & SAFETY, SECURITY, DEFENSE

JOB TITLE:
### GROUP HEALTH and SAFETY MANAGER
LOCATION:
**Ashford**
SALARY:
**Negotiable**
COMPANY:
**GSE Group**
Experienced Health & Safety Manager/Officer with appropriate qualifications and track record required to manage all aspects of health & safety and environmental issues across the expanding GSE Group. Our diverse business interests include Construction, Development, Haulage & Plant Hire. The successful candidate will implement and manage new and existing procedures, make frequent site visits to manage and monitor safety, keep comprehensive safety records, record and report accidents etc. The successful person will liaise closely with other Managers and Directors and formally report to the Board on a monthly basis. Applications should include a full CV and be sent to Mrs. S. Barlow, HR Manager, GSE Group, Joshna House, Crowbridge Road, Ashford, Kent TN24 0GR or sue.barlow@gse-group.com. No Agencies please.
**TO APPLY:**
Sue Barlow
GSE Group
Tel: 01233 506320
Email sue.barlow@gse-group.com

## INFORMATION TECH, INTERNET, TELECOMS

JOB TITLE:
### COMPUTER, HARDWARE and SOFTWARE TECHNICIAN
LOCATION:
**Gravesend**
SALARY:
**Kent Scheme Grade 6: Points 17 (£18,288 p.a.) to 20 (£20,061 p.a.) pro-rata.**
COMPANY:
**Ifield District Special School**
We have a vacancy for a Computer, Hardware and Software Technician from June 2008. The successful candidate will be responsible for supporting all IT facilities within the main school and at Ifield Smile, our training and resource centre. Responsibilities will include network management, maintaining both hardware and software, overseeing the internet connection and the school websites and supporting staff in the use of ICT throughout the school. The successful candidate will require expertise in the use of DOS, Windows and an up to date knowledge of the computer market and current developments. Previous experience in an educational establishment would be useful but is not essential. For a job description and application form please contact the headteacher, Mrs Pam Jones.
**TO APPLY:**
Ifield District Special School
Tel: 01474 365485
Email ifieldschool@aol.com
**CLOSING DATE**
Friday 16th May

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JOB TITLE:
### Trussed Rafter Designer/Estimator
LOCATION:
**Ramsgate**
SALARY:
**TBC**
COMPANY:
**BSW Timber Systems Ltd.**
Required for a busy design office. Applicants should: • Have strong IT skills • Have good technical drawing skills • Have good customer & interpersonal skills • Work well under pressure • Be numerate AutoCAD and building trade experience would be an advantage, but not essential as trainees will be considered. Job specific training will be provided where necessary. Salary commensurate with relevant ability and experience. Apply in writing to: HR Dept. BSW Timber Systems Ltd, Manston Road, Ramsgate, CT12 6HP.
**TO APPLY:**
BSW Timber Systems Ltd.
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

## INSURANCE, BANKING, FINANCE

JOB TITLE:
### Full Time General Insurance Adviser
LOCATION:
**Ashford**
SALARY:
**TBA**

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COMPANY:
**Undisclosed**
required for busy Ramsgate office, must be computer literate and experience an advantage. Please apply in writing enclosing CV to Box No. 125, KOS Media Ltd, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent. TN25 6SR.
**TO APPLY:**
Undisclosed
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

## LEISURE, TOURISM, TRAVEL

JOB TITLE:
**Circuit Marshals**
LOCATION:
**Chatham**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Buckmore Park Karting Ltd**
Hours to suit including daytim, evenings and weekends. Must be aged 17 years or above. For more details, contact Anne Eldridge at Buckmore Park Kart Circuit.
**TO APPLY:**
Anne Eldridge
Buckmore Park Karting Ltd
Tel: 01634 201562 x 201
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

## MANAGEMENT, SENIOR POSITIONS

JOB TITLE:
**Assistant Manager**
LOCATION:
**Folkestone**
SALARY:
**TBC**
COMPANY:
**Cumbria House Residential Home**
Required For Residential Care Home In Folkestone. We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic and committed person. Must have Minimum NVQ Level 3 Qualification, and Experience in the role above. Subject to satisfactory CRB Check.
**TO APPLY:**
Julia Carter (Home Manager)
Cumbria House Residential Home
Tel: 01303 254019
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
**AST. REGIONAL MANAGER**
LOCATION:
**Kent**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Waterside Books**
AST. REGIONAL MANAGER Wanted For more information visit www.watersidebooks.com Email books@watersidebooks.com.
**TO APPLY:**
Mike Jarvie
Waterside Books
Tel: 02380 235055
Email books@watersidebooks.com

JOB TITLE:
**Committee Services Manager**
LOCATION:
**Thanet**
SALARY:
**£29,307 - £34,320 per annumxbitm**
COMPANY:
**Thanet District Council**
Under the guidance of the Democratic Services Manager, this new post will be responsible for managing a small team of officers providing committee services and implementing the above projects. Applicants need to be educated to degree-level (or equivalent), and have considerable experience of committee services, including management experience.
**TO APPLY:**
Thanet District Council
Tel: 01843 577175
Email personnel@thanet.gov.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
23 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
**CONTRACTS MANAGER**
LOCATION:
**Ashford**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**GSE Group**
GSE are the South East's leading Design & Build Company and with a healthy long term order book now require a Motivated and enthusiastic Contracts Manager with a proven track record. The successful candidate will be responsible for running 3/4 prestigious contracts with values to £6m, manage major projects and develop further business opportunities, mainly in the Kent area.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs. S. Barlow,
GSE Group
Email sue.barlow@gse-group.com

JOB TITLE:
**Democratic (or Senior Democratic) Services Officer**
LOCATION:
**Thanet**
SALARY:
**£16,590 to £27,321 per annumbitm**
COMPANY:
**Thanet District Council**
This is a vacancy in a career graded post (salary on appointment is dependent upon qualifications and experience). Located within the committee side of the team, applicants should have experience of committee administration and be willing to contribute towards electoral services when needed.
**TO APPLY:**
Glenn Back,
Thanet District Council
Tel: 01843 577187
Email personnel@thanet.gov.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
23 May 2008

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JOB TITLE:
**Deputy Manager**
LOCATION:
**Gravesend**
SALARY:
**Starting Salary £10,475 p.a. for 20 hrs /week (£10.07/hour)**
COMPANY:
**Volunteer Centre Gravesham**
Volunteer Centre Gravesham require a deputy to assist the Centre Manager to raise awareness and understanding of the role of the Centre; to deliver the core functions of a VC, attracting & placing volunteers and working hand-in-hand with other organisations to create new exciting volunteer opportunities. Do you have? Enthusiasm & commitment to stimulate & encourage local interest in volunteering & community activity Creativity in developing new ways of raising the profile of volunteering in Gravesham Excellent organisation & communication skills; initiative & an effective team player, with a good working knowledge of IT For further information or to obtain application pack telephone 01474 322729 or email below.
**TO APPLY:**
Jenny Lane
Volunteer Centre Gravesham
Tel: 01474 322729
Email jenny@
volunteercentregravesham.org

JOB TITLE:
**Deputy Manager**
LOCATION:
**Sittingbourne**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Country Care**
A Residential Home for adults with learning disabilities require a Deputy Manager. Please contact Mrs Brooks below.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs Brooks
Country Care
Tel: 01795 886220
Email ellenscourt@btconnect.com

JOB TITLE:
**Lead Copywriter**
LOCATION:
**Folkestone**
SALARY:
**Up to £21,000 (DOE)**
COMPANY:
**Holiday Extras**
Day to day management of a team of SEO copywriters, their workloads, motivation and training needs. Ensuring the team understands and implements our SEO strategy, and will assume a lead role in projects as required. Key Responsibilities: SEO content creation & Implementing SEO strategy, Ownership of projects and product development, Day-to-day management of team activity, Working with managing editor to compile KPIs and targets for the team, To provide and interpret site statistics, analytics and management information Interested? Then please send your CV and covering letter to Holiday Extras, Newingreen, Hythe, Kent CT21 4JF or to recruitment@holidayextras.com
**TO APPLY:**
Emma Finch
Holiday Extras
Tel: 0871 360 2170
Email
recruitment@holidayextras.com
**CLOSING DATE**
2nd May 2008

## MARKETING, ADVERTISING

JOB TITLE:
**GROUP MARKETING MANAGER**
LOCATION:
**Ashford**
SALARY:
**Negotiable**
COMPANY:
**GSE Group**
A versatile individual with imagination and flair is required to take control of marketing strategies across the GSE Group. Our diverse business interests include Construction, Development, Haulage & Plant Hire and the successful candidate will develop campaigns and marketing initiatives to increase brand awareness on both an individual and group basis. This position will offer a wide scope of responsibility including budget management, website maintenance, e-marketing and the design and production of brochures & exhibition materials. Candidates should have a proven track record in Marketing and be fully conversant in the use of Quark Express, Dreamweaver, Adobe Studio or equivalent. Applications should include a full CV and be sent to Mrs. S. Barlow, HR Manager, GSE Group, Joshna House, Crowbridge Road, Ashford, Kent TN24 0GR or sue.barlow@gse-group.com. Closing date 19th May 2008. No Agencies please.
**TO APPLY:**
Sue Barlow
GSE Group
Tel: 01233 506320
Email sue.barlow@gse-group.com

## MOTOR TRADE, DRIVER

JOB TITLE:
**BODY SHOP FITTER/STRIPPER**
LOCATION:
**Sandwich**
SALARY:
**TBC**
COMPANY:
**Total Motor Care**
Due to an opening, our body shop requires a fully experienced fitter / stripper. The successful applicant should have at least 3 years experience, be able to work on their own initiative and to a high standard. Top rates of pay offered for the right applicant.
**TO APPLY:**
Tony
Total Motor Care
Tel: 01304 620999
Email jobs@totalmotorcare.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
**EXPERIENCED CAR SALESPERSON**
LOCATION:
**Maidstone**
SALARY:
**TBC**
COMPANY:
**Maidstone Kia**
Ideally you will have a main dealer background and be FSA approved. You will be used to performing to targets and have excellent customer communication skills. Maidstone Kia are a very well established dealer with a pedigree of over 50 years which has been acheived by giving exceptional customer service. We pride ourselves in looking after our staff with excellent working conditions, an extremely competitive salary package and all the benefits one would expect with a long established dealer. If you are looking for a change and want to work somewhere where your talents are recognised please E-mail your cv.
**TO APPLY:**
Maidstone Kia
Email chorswill@maidstonekia.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
**LGV 1 Drivers**
LOCATION:
**Maidstone**
SALARY:
**Good rates of pay.**
COMPANY:
**Crownwell Recruitment Kent Ltd**
Required for prestige Supermarket chain. 2 years experience - no more than 6 points. Various shifts available. Good rates of pay.
**TO APPLY:**
Crownwell Recruitment Kent Ltd
Tel: call 08450 091554 (Agy)
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
**Warehouse Operatives**
LOCATION:
**Maidstone**
SALARY:
**From £6.00 per hour.gy)**
COMPANY:
**Crownwell Recruitment Kent Ltd**
Required for days or nights. From £6.00 per hour.
**TO APPLY:**
Crownwell Recruitment Kent Ltd
Tel: 08450 091554 (Agy)
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

## NOT FOR PROFIT, CHARITIES

JOB TITLE:
**Support Officer**
LOCATION:
**Sheerness**
SALARY:
**£18,225 + essential care user & mileage allowances and pension contribution**
COMPANY:
**Swale Carers Centre**
Swale Carers Centre, based in Sheerness, seeks an innovative, energetic, reliable, person to join our highly successful and well respected young carers support service team, to promote, support and empower young carers aged 5-18 residing in the Swale area, through provision of information, advice, advocacy, respite activities and workshops, including after school/early evening support groups (term-time) plus occasional weekend working, including residential and camping events during school holidays. To apply please contact Sandie Hornby.
**TO APPLY:**
Sandie Hornby
Swale Carers Centre
Tel: 01795 583440
Email
sandie.swalecarers@tiscali.co.uk

## NURSING, MEDICINE, CARE WORK

JOB TITLE:
**Carers**
LOCATION:
**Sittingbourne**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Country Care**
A Residential Home for adults with learning disabilities require Part-time Carers. Please contact Mrs Brooks below.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs Brooks
Country Care
Tel: 01795 886220
Email ellenscourt@btconnect.com

JOB TITLE:
**COMMUNITY CARERS**
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Meridian Care**
Full paid training given. Competitive rates of pay with enhancement for NVQ qualified. Mileage allowance and full support given for both new and experienced carers. Own transport essential.
**TO APPLY:**
Meridian Care
Tel: 01227 712300
Email MeridianCbury@aol.com

JOB TITLE:
**Community Carers and Domestic Carers**
LOCATION:
**Folkestone**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Brampton Care Home**
Due to an expanding service, we require Community Carers & Domestic Carers to join our team in Folkstone/Hythe & Surrounding Villages. Experience preferred but not essential as all training is provided. • Must have own transport • Be flexible with working hours. • Work alternate weekends All posts are subject to enhanced disclosure.
**TO APPLY:**
Alison George
Brampton Care Home
Tel: 01303 272348
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
**Experienced Dental Nurse and Cleaner**
LOCATION:
**Rainham**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Omni Park Dental Centre**
To apply please contact Dr Julius Babayemi on 07958 540731 or email your CV to
omniparkdental@yahoo.com.
**TO APPLY:**
Dr Julius Babayemi
Omni Park Dental Centre
Tel: 07958 540731
Email omniparkdental@yahoo.com

JOB TITLE:
**Personal Assistant/Carer**
LOCATION:
**Gillingham**
SALARY:
**£7 per hour**
COMPANY:
**Mrs Nurinder Bhohi**
Required for young disabled man approx 10hrs per week each.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs Nurinder Bhohi
Tel: 01634 331667
Email nurinderb@googlemail.com

JOB TITLE:
**Support Workers and Registered Nurses (RMN,RMNH,RNLD'S)**
LOCATION:
**Kent**
SALARY:
**Pay Rates from £8.66ph for Support Workers & £17ph for Nurses (including holiday pay).**
COMPANY:
**DNA Forensic Nursing Agency Ltd**
to work within Mental Health and Secure Settings locally and nationally. Experience preferred, but not essential as full training given. Immediate Start following checks & training.
**TO APPLY:**
DNA Forensic Nursing Agency Ltd
Tel: 08458454567
Email info@dnanursing.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
**Support Workers Required**
LOCATION:
**Ashford**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Hothfield Manor Centre**
The Huntercombe Group Hothfield Manor Centre For acquired brain injury, Part of the FSHC Group Shifts Required Days, nights.
**TO APPLY:**
Lynn
Hothfield Manor Centre
Tel: 01233 643272
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

## PUBLIC RELATIONS, MEDIA, JOURNALISM

JOB TITLE:
**Media Officer**
LOCATION:
**Gravesend**
SALARY:
**Circa £19,000 – £21,000**
COMPANY:
**Gravesham Borough Council**
Transformation and Finance Communications Our Communications Team is looking for an enthusiastic Media Officer to complete a busy team which punches above its weight. Applicants must have good writing skills and the ability to communicate across the full range of media. The ability to work to tight deadlines is essential and knowledge of desktop publishing and imaging packages would be an advantage. To succeed in this role you will have experience of PR, journalism, publishing, designing and/or marketing, preferably having experience of working with/for local authorities.
**TO APPLY:**
Customer Services,
Gravesham Borough Council
Tel: 01474 33 70 00
Email customer.services@
gravesham.gov.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
2 May 2008

## PUBLIC SECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES

JOB TITLE:
**Catering Supervisor**
LOCATION:
**Gravesend**
SALARY:
**Salary: Circa £17,000 – £19,000m**
COMPANY:
**Gravesham Borough Council**
An enthusiastic, self motivated supervisor is required to head up a busy catering team at the Woodville Halls Theatre. You will oversee the day to day running of a well appointed bar and Spotlites cafe, as well as catering for a variety of functions and corporate events at the Civic Centre. You will hold a current Basic Health and Hygiene Certificate and preferably have experience in a supervisory role. A recognised qualification would be an advantage. For an application form and job description please contact:,Customer Services, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU.
**TO APPLY:**
Gravesham Borough Council
Tel: 01474 33 70 00
Email customer.services@
gravesham.gov.uk.imag
**CLOSING DATE**
9 May 2008

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JOB TITLE:
**Civil Enforcement Officer**
LOCATION:
**Folkestone**
SALARY:
**£17,043 - £20,649 (pay award pending)**
COMPANY:
**Shepway District Council**
Civil Enforcement Officers have the responsibility to enforce parking regulations on the highway as well as council car parks across the whole of the Shepway district. We are looking to recruit a Civil Enforcement Officer to join this vibrant team in this challenging role. Successful applicants will have excellent communication skills both orally and written; be able to demonstrate team working, work under pressure and handle conflict calmly; have a positive and friendly approach and a reasonable level of fitness. Previous experience is not as important as a positive, motivated person who is quick and willing to learn. Full training will be provided and the team generally aims to offer a supportive working environment. You will be required to work on a shift system between the hours of 8am – 8pm any 5 out of 7 days including bank holidays. A full driving license will be necessary. CV ARE NOT ACCEPTED.
**TO APPLY:**
Frederick Miller
Shepway District Council
Tel: 01303 853207
Email jobs@shepway.gov.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
7 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
**Civil Enforcement Officers**
LOCATION:
**Gravesend**
SALARY:
**£15,000 - £16,500**
COMPANY:
**Gravesham Borough Council**
Housing and Environment Parking Services-3 x Full time Posts of 37 Hours PW You will be responsible for enforcing traffic and parking regulations, issuing penalty Charge Notices, also to enforce the new residents parking areas. In addition, your duties will include observing and reporting vehicles without valid vehicle licences (tax), assisting the public with minor enquiries, reporting/checking signs and markings, providing witness statements and liaising with the police. We are seeking highly motivated individuals with good communication skills and the ability to deal calmly and professionally with difficult situations. Previous experience in parking enforcement is desirable, although not essential as full training will be given. Some administrative work is also involved. This is a uniformed outdoor role which will include working in all weathers. You will be required to work over 7 days, on a rota basis including early starts and late finishes. The successful applicants will be required to undertake a Criminal Records Bureau check.
**TO APPLY:**
Customer Services,
Gravesham Borough Council
Tel: 01474 33 70 00
Email customer.services@
gravesham.gov.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
2 May 2008.

JOB TITLE:
**Civil Enforcement Officers x 5**
LOCATION:
**Tunbridge Wells**
SALARY:
**£15,470 - £17,781pa (plus an additional market supplement of £3,000pa)**
COMPANY:
**Tunbridge Wells Borough Council**
(37 hours / will be required to work Saturdays and Sundays on rota basis) Are you looking for responsible and rewarding employment carrying out a service to the community? Can you help Tunbridge Wells Borough Council resolve its traffi c/parking problems? The Parking Section is looking to recruit a number of Civil Enforcement Offi cers to join its existing team. You will be responsible for the enforcement of parking regulations across the borough, both on-street and in the Council's off-street car parks, and full training to a nationally recognised qualifi cation will be given. Employment in the post is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau. If you: • have experience of a front-line, public-oriented service, or of local authority parking operations • have the ability to respond well to challenging situations • are confi dent and focused on customer service • have good communication and interpersonal skills • have a full driving licence. then this could be the opportunity for you.
For an application form and information pack please visit our website www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk or contact the HR Department. post: Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS or 01892 526121 ext 3380. Please state which job/position you are applying for.
**TO APPLY:**
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Tel: 01892 554149
(24 hour answerphone)
Email
personnel@tunbridgewells.gov.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
9th May 2008

JOB TITLE:
**Clerk to the Governors**
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
**Circa £24,000 pa**
COMPANY:
**Spires Academy**
Full Time - All Year Round (some flexibility for the right candidate) Spires Academy opened in September 2007 to transform the life chances of students and people in the local community. Spires Academy has close links with The Marlowe Academy and Folkestone Academy. We are seeking to appoint a full time Clerk to the Governors of three Academies - Spires Academy, The Marlowe Academy and Folkestone Academy - initially based at Spires Academy. The successful candidate will undertake an advisory role to the three Academies, call and clerk meetings as required including Governors; disciplinary; exclusions and appeal meetings. Prospective candidates will have experience of working within a local school and/or local authority with knowledge of the legalities of school governance. They will be well use to working with a variety of different organisations and agencies.
We are looking for a colleague with extensive experience. Proven administrative and time management skills are essential; we also need someone who has demonstrated the ability to work independently. Flexibility and mobility are key factors of this challenging role. This post is subject to an enhanced CRB check. To request an information pack please contact us. Interview date: 27th May 2008
www.spiresacademy.com.
**TO APPLY:**
Marion Wigington
Spires Academy
Email
m.wigington@spiresacademy.com
**CLOSING DATE**
16th May 2008 at noon

JOB TITLE:
**Commissionaire**
LOCATION:
**Gravesend**

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SALARY:
**Salary: Circa £6,500 –£8,500 pa,**
COMPANY:
**Gravesham Borough Council**
2 part time posts – 18.5 hours per week on a rota basis The postholders will be responsible for providing an out of hours meet & greet and security service to the Civic Centre and Woodville Halls, on a shift basis which will involve an element of a lone-working. The ideal candidate will be a good team player with experience of working in a customer facing role. Good communication and IT skills are essential as well as the ability to work under pressure. Knowledge of health and safety and/or experience working in a cleaning and/or caretaking role would be an advantage. For an application form and job description please contact: Customer Services, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU.
**TO APPLY:**
Gravesham Borough Council
Tel: 01474 33 70 00
Email customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk.imag
**CLOSING DATE**
9 May, 2008

JOB TITLE:
## Community Warden
LOCATION:
**Gravesend**
SALARY:
**Circa £16,500 - £21,000**
COMPANY:
**Gravesham Borough Council**
Communities Community Safety We have an exciting opportunity for someone who would like to be actively involved in making our estates throughout the Borough a better place to live. You will be at the forefront of challenging and tackling anti social behaviour, maintaining a visible presence in the locality and building relationships with residents; assisting in promoting and developing a safe environment in conjunction with the police and other partners. In addition you will be working with residents to ensure that the appearance of housing estates is continually improving and strong positive relationships are established amongst the community and relevant agencies. You will have a strong determined character and will not be easily intimidated. You will demonstrate good communication skills and the ability to build and maintain working relationships. You will be responsible for keeping accurate records and acting as a professional witness should the need arise. A clean driving licence is essential. Hours are worked on a rota basis 5 days on 3 days off mainly in the evenings. Flexibility is essential. The successful applicants will be required to undertake a Criminal Records Bureau check. If you would like an informal discussion about the post please call Bill Lacey on 07979 791291.
**TO APPLY:**
Bill Lacey
Gravesham Borough Council
Tel: 07979 791291
Email customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
2 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
## Education Welfare Officer
LOCATION:
**Ashford**
SALARY:
**Starting salary £20,061, with progression through Contribution Related Pay to £22,825 pro rata**
COMPANY:
**Kent County Council**
0.6 Full-time Equivalent (3 days per week) Kroner House, Ashford (Shepway 1 Cluster Based Service) We are currently looking for a person to join our team. Education Welfare Officers work with schools, families and pupils to promote regular school attendance. The work is challenging and requires ability to work independently as well as being a good team member. You will receive in service training, regular supervision, and team support in your work with schools, pupils, their families and other agencies. The ability to travel is essential as visiting schools and homes etc is essential to the work.
**TO APPLY:**
Debbie Spice,
Kent County Council
Tel: 01233 898673.
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
15 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
## Enforcement Officer
LOCATION:
**Gravesend**
SALARY:
**Circa £18,500 - £23,000**
COMPANY:
**Gravesham Borough Council**
Housing and Environment Waste Management We are seeking an enthusiastic and flexible team player to join the Waste and Horticultural Services team at the Brookvale depot in Northfleet. You will be responsible for enforcing waste legislation such as the Clean Neighbourhood and Environmental Act and Environmental Protection Act 1990. Your duties will include issuing fixed penalty notices and investigating flytipping. Previous enforcement experience knowledge of the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act and Environmental Protection act 1990 are desirable and you will have good writtern, oral and IT skills. A knowledge of waste managementand recycling would be an advantage. The successful applicants will be required to undertake a Criminal Records Bureau check.
**TO APPLY:**
Customer Services,
Gravesham Borough Council
Tel: 01474 33 70 00
Email services@gravesham.gov.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
2 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
## Environment - Transportation Services Technical Officer
LOCATION:
**Folkestone**
SALARY:
**£20,004 - £24,444 (pay award pending)**
COMPANY:
**Shepway District Council**
The Transportation section has an extensive workload including issues such as car park maintenance, bus shelters, parking control schemes, street name plates, road closures, parking bays, signs and lines and much more. Your responsibilities will include assessing and implementing disabled persons bay applications and maintaining/improving car parks and on street parking furniture. You will also be assisting in implementing the Council's parking strategy. With an HNC/HND or equivalent in relevant subject you will have previous experience working with contractors and be able to solve technical problems and taking appropriate action after considering a range of options. CV ARE NOT ACCEPTED.
**TO APPLY:**
Frederick Miller,
Shepway District Council
Tel: 01303 853207
Email jobs@shepway.gov.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
7 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
## Estate Services Coordinator
LOCATION:
**Gravesend**
SALARY:
**Package up to Circa £27,000**
COMPANY:
**Gravesham Borough Council**
Housing and Environment Housing Services This is an exciting opportunity for an individual with the skills to further develop caretaking services provided to residents across the borough. Tenants regularly inform us that a good caretaking service is one of their main priorities and this role is therefore a key one within the department. Reporting to the Tenancy Services Manager, you will manage, and lead our caretaking service and build on your previous caretaking management experience ensuring innovation and best practice are core to the delivery of the caretaking service.
**TO APPLY:**
Customer Services
Gravesham Borough Council
Tel: 01474 33 70 00
Email customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
7 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
## Housing Officers
LOCATION:
**Gravesend**
SALARY:
**£17,000 - £23,000 (pro rata for part time post)**
COMPANY:
Gravesham Borough Council
Post A - Full time - 37 hours per week Post B – Part time - 18.5 hours per week We are looking to appoint two Housing Officers to join our busy team. Duties will include tenancy management, dealing with anti-social behaviour, neighbourhood development, estate inspections and monitoring caretaking standards. A strong team player, you will have strong interpersonal skills, a sound knowledge of housing law and practice and have previous experience in a customer facing role. A full driving licence and the use of a vehicle are also essential.
**TO APPLY:**
Customer Services
Gravesham Borough Council
Tel: 01474 33 70 00
Email customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
7 May 2008.

JOB TITLE:
## OKS (ALUMNI) CO-ORDINATOR (PART-TIME)
LOCATION:
**Canterbury**
SALARY:
**TBC**
COMPANY:
**Kings School**
Required to work three days per week, 8.30am - 5pm, usually Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Experience with databases, Word, Excel and the internet. Good administrative and organisational skills and an excellent telephone manner essential. Knowledge of Raisers Edge 7 would be an advantage. The King's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Criminal Records Bureau. For more information, Job Description and application form, please telephone or email the School's Personnel Department. The King's School, Canterbury is an Educational Charity - Registration No. 307942.
**TO APPLY:**
Kings School
Tel: 01227 595655
(24 hour answerphone)
Email recruitment@kings-bursary.co.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
14th May 2008

JOB TITLE:
## Policy and Performance Officer
LOCATION:
**Folkestone**
SALARY:
**£24,444 - £28,824 (pay award pending)**
COMPANY:
**Shepway District Council**
Part of Shepway Council, Coast and Countryside Housing Services is committed to delivering high quality housing services. As part of this commitment, we are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic professional to join our Housing Policy and Performance Team. Based at the Shepway Housing Centre, you will be responsible for the delivery of all aspects of customer involvement and service improvement across the Housing Service. You will work with a range of partners including residents, colleagues across the housing service, wider council services and other councils to help deliver our Resident Involvement Plan and wider Service Plan objectives. You will need to demonstrate the following: • An understanding of housing or a related social policy area • A-level or equivalent qualifications • An ability to think strategically • Good communication skills • An ability to present and interpret complex data • Experience of delivering customer focused services If you would like an informal discussion before making an application, please contact Adrian Hammond, Housing Strategy Manager. CVS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.
**TO APPLY:**
Adrian Hammond
Shepway District Council
Tel: 01303 853747
Email jobs@shepway.gov.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
16 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
## Street Sweeper/ Driver
LOCATION:
**Sevenoaks**
SALARY:
**£15,027 p.a. to £18,316 p.a. rising to £19,442 p.a. with exceptional performance (pay award pending)**
COMPANY:
**Sevenoaks District Council**
Sevenoaks District Council is classed as an 'Excellent Council' according to the Audit Commission. The Council is also a Times newspaper 'Best Council to work for' awards winner, the Local Government Chronicle 'Finance award' winner and has 'Investors in People' status Community and Planning Services Department Sevenoaks Direct Services You will be a part of the team maintaining the cleanliness of the streets within the Sevenoaks District Council area, and be based at Dunbrik Depot, Sundridge. You will need to be physically capable of carrying out the duties of the post, presentable in appearance and prepared to work as part of a team. You will be working a 37 hour week and you must hold a driving licence that allows you to drive a vehicle up to 7.5 tonnes. Our staff benefits package includes, a final salary contributory pension scheme, flexible annual leave and working arrangements, free membership of Sencio's Leisure Centres in the District, a childcare vouchers scheme and excellent training and development opportunities.
**TO APPLY:**
the Human Resources Team
Sevenoaks District Council
Tel: 01732 227102 (24 hours)
Email recruitment@sevenoaks.gov.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
Tuesday 6th May 2008

# RETAIL, WHOLESALE, SALES

JOB TITLE:
## CAR SALES EXECUTIVE
LOCATION:
**Gillingham**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Sherlodge Garage**
We are seeking to recruit an additional Sales Executive to our existing team to further strengthen our commitment to delivering a first class service to our customers. The successful candidate must be self-motivated and results oriented, possess the drive and determination to succeed in a competitive environment with a 'no compromise' approach to customer satisfaction. In return we offer you the challenges, commitment to excellence and rewards you inevitably seek. To apply for this position, please forward you're current CV with a covering letter to: Andrew Clarke, Sherlodge Garage 26 Hoath Lane, Wigmore, Gillingham, Kent ME8 0SW. Telephone: 01634 377444 or Email.
**TO APPLY:**
Andrew Clarke,
Sherlodge Garage
Tel: 01634 377444
Email andrew.clarke@sherlodgegarageskoda.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
## Experienced Sales Person
LOCATION:
**Sittingbourne**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**G C Stevens & Son**
• Required for Sittingbourne based business, Garden Machinery and Wood Stoves • Would suit highly motivated, organised candidate with good communicating skills. • Some relevant technical knowledge helpful but not essential. • Training available.
**TO APPLY:**
G C Stevens & Son
Email info@gcstevens.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
## Full Time/Part-Time Sales Assistants
LOCATION:
**Chatham**
SALARY:
**TBC**
COMPANY:
**Buckmore Park Karting Ltd**
Must be customer focused and have excellent telephone and face-to-face manner. Experience of taking reservations/bookings essential. Must be computer literate. Full training on our new booking system will be given. Flexitime and part-time hours by agreement to cover office opening hours. Please send CV to Joanne McInnes, Buckmore Park Karting Ltd, Maidstone Road, Chatham, Kent ME5 9QG or email.
**TO APPLY:**
Joanne McInnes
Buckmore Park Karting Ltd
Email joanne@buckmore.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
## Seasonal Relief Workers / Enthusiastic Person
LOCATION:
**Ashford**
SALARY:
**TBA**
COMPANY:
**Victoriana Nursery Gardens**
For Plant Propagation, Display, Retail Sales, knowledge of plant life gardening essential. Victoriana Nursery Gardens Challock, Nr Ashford TN25 4DG
**TO APPLY:**
Victoriana Nursery Gardens
Tel: 01233 740529
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
## SHOP ASSISTANT
LOCATION:
**Rochester**
SALARY:
**£6.25 ph**
COMPANY:
**Rochester & Cobham Park Golf Club**
Required to work in busy professional golf shop Work will involve manual handling, £6.25 p/h, approx 25-30 hours a week including weekend work.
**TO APPLY:**
Mr David Smith,
Rochester & Cobham Park Golf Club
Tel: 01474 823411
Email rcpgc@talk21.com

JOB TITLE:
## TRAVEL SALES CONSULTANTS
LOCATION:
**Folkestone**
SALARY:
**Competitive salaries + attractive commission + benefits**
COMPANY:
**Saga**
If you're naturally friendly and good on the phone, you could be part of the team that leads the way in high-quality holidays for people aged 50 and over. When our customers call us, you'll be the helpful individual who gives them all the information and advice they need. So there's no 'cold-calling'. Instead, you'll be selling our holidays in a supportive, busy environment where the targets are varied, but achievable. We also have opportunities for you to 'multi-skill' in the world of financial services, enhancing your career prospects still further. Whatever your age, background or experience, there could be a place for you. What's important is that you have an outgoing personality and the ability to strike up a rapport with customers. Our comprehensive training programme will give you all the skills you need to succeed - and on top of that, you can look forward to an excellent benefits package including a contributory pension scheme, medical insurance and an active social club. If you're looking for a great new job, in a great business, please send an application form to Alice Forsyth, HR Officer, Saga Group Limited, The Saga Building, Enbrook Park, Folkestone, Kent CT20 3SE or e-mail.
**TO APPLY:**
Saga
Tel: 01303 774888
Email human.resources@saga.co.uk
**CLOSING DATE**
21 May 2008

# SCIENTIFIC & PHARMACEUTICAL, RESEARCH

JOB TITLE:
## Project Leader
LOCATION:
**Sittingbourne**
SALARY:
**Competitive Salary**
COMPANY:
**Scipac Limited**
Required for expanding Biochemistry Company. Position involves co-ordinating and completion of the manufacture of products to set deadlines and specifications within a laboratory environment. Competencies required: Degree, professional qualification (with 1 years laboratory experience) or at least 3 years' practical laboratory experience. Previous supervisory experience preferred plus ability to produce high quality documentation according to ISO guidelines. Please apply in the first instance with C.V. to, Mrs. Odette Bennett, Scipac Ltd., Broad Oak Enterprise Village, Broad Oak Road, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8AQ.
**TO APPLY:**
Mrs Odette Bennett
Scipac Limited
Tel: 01795 423077
Email odette.bennett@scipac.com

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**CHITTINGHURST DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED**
**Company No. 03960556**
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at Carter Clark, Meridian House 62 Station Road North Chingford London E4 7BA on 08/05/2008 at 12.30 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act. Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office—Meridian House 62 Station Road North Chingford London E4 7BA, not later than 12 noon on 07/05/2008. For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at Meridian House 62 Station Road North Chingford London E4 7BA before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed. Notice is further given that prior to the meeting Alan J Clark of Carter Clark, Meridian House 62 Station Road North Chingford London E4 7BA, who is qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner, will furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require. Resolutions to be taken at the aforementioned meeting may include a resolution specifying the terms on which the Liquidator is to be remunerated. The meeting may also receive information about or be called upon to approve the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting. Dated 22/04/2008
**LOUISE A SOPER, Director** T226172

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**PUBLIC NOTICE – ADMISSION NUMBERS**

In accordance with regulation 9 of The Education (Determination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 1999 (as amended) notice is hereby given that the governing body being the admission authority for the following primary school has determined an admission number for the admission of pupils to Yr R in 2009 which is lower than the Indicated Admission Number set by the net capacity formula.

| SCHOOL | RELEVANTAGE GROUP FOR ADMISSION | INDICATED ADMISSION NUMBER | PROPOSED ADMISSION NUMBER | REASON FOR DETERMINING A LOWER ADMISSION NUMBER |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Borough Green Primary School | Year R (pupils normally aged 4-5) | 60 | 45 | Long-term reduction in overall school age pupil numbers requires organisational changes to ensure financial viability. |

Under the School Admissions (Alteration and Variation of, and Objections to, Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2007 a parent whose child has attained the age of two but has not attained the age of five or whose child is of compulsory school age and receiving primary education and in either case lives in Borough Green or neighbouring areas can refer an objection about the admission number to the Schools Adjudicator within six weeks from the date it appears. Objections should be sent to The Secretary, The Office of Schools Adjudicator, GD FL A, Mowden Hall, Staindrop Road, Darlington DL3 9BG by 15 June 2008.

Further information about the admission number or about a parent's right of objection may be obtained from the Clerk to the Governing Body, Borough Green Primary School, School Approach, Borough Green, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 8JZ Telephone 01732 883459.

Tim Coppard
Chair of Governors Borough Green Primary School
29 April 2008

## Highways - Borough of Ashford

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(VARIOUS ROADS IN ASHFORD) (ROAD CLOSURE)TEMPORARY ORDER 2008**

NOTICE is hereby given that to allow highway maintenance works to take place the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto on or after 27th May 2008 for an estimated period of one week or for a period not exceeding 18 months.

The alternative for each route described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto is described in column 2 of that Schedule.

**THE SCHEDULE**

| | |
|---|---|
| Bluebell Road from its junction with Moatfield Meadow to its junction with Sheepfold Lane. | Moatfield Meadow, Roman Way and Sheepfold Lane. |
| Bluebell Road from its junction with Sheepfold Lane to its junction with Reed Crescent. | Reed Crescent and Bluebell Road |
| Roman Way for its entire length. | Moatfield Meadow, Bluebell Road and Sheepfold Lane |

The works to be carried out in three separate phases.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected duration. Order will only be effective when the appropriate signs are displayed.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(SWAIN ROAD, TENTERDEN) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Swain Road, Tenterden from junction of Ashford Road to Wayside Avenue on or after 05 May 2008 for an estimated period of up to 4 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for eastbound traffic via the Ashford Road (A28) and Heather Drive and for westbound traffic vice versa.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for gas mains replacement. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Stuart Kelly of Morrison Utility Services on 01233 714082.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**VARIOUS ROADS IN ASHFORD) (ROAD CLOSURE)TEMPORARY ORDER 2008**

NOTICE is hereby given that to allow highway maintenance works to take place the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto on or after 7th May 2008 for an estimated period of one week or for a period not exceeding 18 months.

The alternative for each route described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto is described in column 2 of that Schedule.

**THE SCHEDULE**

| | |
|---|---|
| B2082 Small Hythe Road, Tenterden from its the entrance to Summer Hill to the Vineyard. | A28 West Cross/Rolvenden Road/ Tenterden Road/Rolvenden High Street and Maytham Road/ Palstre Court Road |
| A252 Canterbury Road, Challock from its junction with Westwell Lane to its junction with Faversham Road. | Faversham Road/Broomfield Lane, A251 Ashford Road/ Faversham Road and A252 Canterbury Road, Challock |
| Lilyvale Road, Brabourne Lees. For its entire length | Plain Road |
| Shottenden Road, Chilham/Molash from its junction with Goldups Lane to its junction with Nut Tree. | Goldups Lane, Fisher Street Road and Nut Trees. |
| Wind Hill Lane, Charing Heath from its junction with Tile Lodge Road to its junction with Charing Heath Road. | Tile Lodge Road and Charing Heath Road. |
| Egerton House Road, Egerton from its junction with Coldbridge Lane to its junction with Coach Road. | Coldbridge Lane, Crocken Hill Road, Rock Hill, The Street, Stonebridge Green Road and Egerton House Road. |
| Coldblow Lane, Woodchurch from its junction with Shadoxhurst Road to its junction with Britchett Lane. | Shadoxhurst Road, Woodchurch Road, Hornash Lane, Hamstreet Road and Birchett Lane. |
| Mock Lane, Great Chart for its entire length. | Magpie Hall Road, Bartlets Lane and Chart Road. |
| Coach Lane, Egerton from its junction Egerton House Road to its junction with Bowley Lane. | Remaining length of Coach Road, Egerton Road, Vicarage Lane, Church Hill, Lenham Heath Road and Bowley Lane. |
| Featherbed Lane, Kingsnorth for its entire length. | Brockmans Lane and Cheesemans Green Lane. |
| Mersham from its junction with Flood Street to its junction with Cheesemans Green Lane. | Coopers Lane, Chequer Tree arm Road, Brockmans Lane Cheesemans Green Lane. |
| Coldbridge Lane, Boughton Malherbe from its junction Egerton House Road to its junction with Woodcocks Lane. | Barham's Mill Road, Southernden Road, Lenham Road and Coldbridge Lane. |

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(STOCKS ROAD B2082, WITTERSHAM) (10 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst highway construction works are carried out, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic travelling at any speed in excess of 10 mph on Stocks Road Wittersham from a point 15 yards west of its junction with Acton Lane to its junction with Pound Lane on or after 7th May 2008 for an estimated period of one week or for a period not exceeding 18 months.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected duration. Each closure is not expected to last know more that one day

Order will only be effective when the appropriate signs are displayed.

## Highways - District of Canterbury

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(A28 ASHFORD ROAD CHARTHAM) (SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2008**

NOTICE is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Orders under Section 84(1), (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The effects of the Order introduces a 40 mph speed limit on A28 Ashford Road on the following length of road which is currently the National Speed Limit:

A28 Ashford Road, Chartham

From a point 500 metres west of the junction with Howfield Lane to a point 67 metres west of the centre line of the western leg of Station Road.

The effects of the Order introduces a 50 mph speed limit on A28 Ashford Road on the following length of road which is currently the National Speed Limit:

A28 Ashford Road Chartham

From a point 67 metres west of the centre line of the western leg of Station Road to a point 150 metres north east of Shalmesford Street.

The Order was made on 24 April 2008 and will come into force 28 April 2008.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the District Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(MIDDLE WALL, WHITSTABLE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because gas, water and electricity service connections works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Middle Wall, Whitstable from its junction with High Street to the entrance to Middle Wall car park on 6 May 2008 for an estimated period of 2 Weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via High Street, Terrys Lane, Island Wall and Waterloo Road. Additional signing for car park via Nelson Road, Shaftesbury Road and Saltmarsh Road will also be provided.

## Highways - District of Dover

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(VICARAGE LANE, SANDWICH) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because BT joint box and ducting works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Vicarage Lane, Sandwich from its junction with Church Street St Marys to its junction with Bowling Street on or after 6 May 2008 for an estimated period of 11 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Church Street St Marys and Bowling Street.

## Highways - Borough of Gravesham

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**LOWER HIGHAM ROAD, SHORNE (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are being carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Lower Higham Road, Shorne between Green Farm Lane and Church Lane.

The Order will become effective on 19th May 2008, for a period of 9 days, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Lower Higham Road, A226 Rochester Road/Gravesend Road, Forge Lane, School Lane, Chalk Road, Lower Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Duct laying works for BT.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(PEACOCK STREET & WELLINGTON STREET, GRAVESEND) (ONE WAY) ORDER 2008 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 and all other enabling powers, is proposing to make an Order the effect of which will reverse the existing one way movements on parts of Peacock Street and Wellington Street, Gravesend.

A copy of the proposed Order, an explanatory statement and a map showing the extent of this proposal can be inspected during normal working hours at the Mid Kent Divisional Office, Joynes House, New Road, Gravesend Kent, DA11 0AT and at Gravesham Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1AU.

Anyone wishing to support or object to this proposal may do so in writing quoting the name of the Order and Reference No. "B0871900" to Mrs. Diane Bourne at Jacobs UK Ltd, Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6GB and stating their reasons by no later than Wednesday, 28th May 2008. Responses received after this date will not be considered.

## Highways - Borough of Maidstone

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(A249 AND OTHER ROADS AT DETLING) (TRAFFIC SPEED, TRAFFIC REGULATION AND ONE WAY ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting traffic speed, the regulation of traffic and the use by traffic as described in Schedule 1 and 2 hereto.

The order shall come into operation at times when required on 24th/25th/26th/ May and 11th/12th/13th July 2008.

**SCHEDULE 1**
**(The Speed limits and Traffic Regulations)**

1. Traffic in excess of 30 mph shall be prohibited as follows:-
   (i) On Sittingbourne Road, Detling between its junction with the M20 roundabout (Junction 7) and the existing permanent 30 mph speed restriction 465 metres south west from its junction with Pilgrims Way, in both directions.
   (ii) On Detling Hill, Sittingbourne Road, Thurnham between Binbury Lane and the existing permanent 30 mph speed restriction 407 metres north east of its junction with Scragged Oak Road, in both directions.
2. No person shall, except upon the direction of a Police Officer or Civilian Enforcement Officer in uniform, cause or permit a vehicle to :-
   (i) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Scragged Oak Road.
   (ii) Carry out a right hand turn from Scragged Oak Road into the A249 southbound.
   (iii) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 northbound into South Green Lane.
   (iv) Carry out a right hand turn or "U" turn on the A249 northbound at its junction with Rumstead Lane.
3. The alternative routes for traffic affected by 2(i), 2(ii), 2(iii), 2(iv) above are either
   (i) via the roundabout at junction 5 of the M2 motorway
   (ii) via the roundabout at junction 7 of the M20 motorway

**SCHEDULE 2**
**(One Way Order)**

No person shall, except upon the direction of a Police Officer or Civilian Enforcement Officer in uniform, cause or permit a vehicle to proceed in the length of road specified otherwise than in the direction specified in Column 1 of Schedule 2 to this Order. The alternative route for the route described in Column 1 is described in Column 2 of that Schedule.

| The affected route (Column 1) | The alternative route (Column 2) |
|---|---|
| Scragged Oak Road One way from the junction with Hermitage Lane towards the junction with Broader Lane. | Broader Lane and Hermitage Lane |

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(TERMINUS ROAD, MAIDSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Terminus Road from the junction of Tonbridge Road to outside 25 Terminus Road on or after Monday 5th May 2008 for an estimated period of up to 4 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for southbound traffic via A26 Tonbridge Road, Farleigh Lane, Gatland Lane, Terminus Road and for northbound traffic vice versa.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused, which are necessary for gas mains replacement. Should you require any further information regarding these works, their contact is John Adsley on 07774 983419.

## Highways - District of Shepway

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(CHERITON ROAD, FOLKESTONE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because sewer connection works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Cheriton Road, Folkestone from its junction with Brockman Road to its junction with Shorncliffe Road on or after 19 May 2008 for an estimated period of 3 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Cheriton Road, Middleburgh Square, Cheriton Gardens, Shorncliffe Road, Castle Hill Avenue and Cheriton Road. Local traffic via Brockman Road and Coolinge Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(HAYTON ROAD, STANFORD, FOLKESTONE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because new electricity service connection works are proposed to be carried out outside Hayton Cottage for approximately 10m either side, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Hayton Road Stanford Folkestone from its junction with Blindhouse Lane to its junction with Kennett Lane on 6 May 2008 for an estimated period of 7 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Blindhouse Lane, Stone Street and Kennett Lane. .

**For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee, Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways**

Kent Highway Services

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(BRADY ROAD, LYMINGE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because manhole cleaning and cable installation works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Brady Road, Lyminge from its junction with Lasborough Lane to its junction with Woodland Road on or after 19 May 2008 for an estimated period of 3 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Lasborough Lane, Broad Street, Mayfield Road, Well Road, High Street and Woodland Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(VARIOUS ROADS, SHEPWAY) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because gas main replacement works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Shepway as described in column 1 of schedule to this order on 5 May 2008 for an estimated period of 6 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for each road described in column 1 of the schedule to this order is desribed in column 3 of that schedule.

| Specified Road | length of road affected | alternative routes | Programmed date |
|---|---|---|---|
| Phase 1 | | | |
| Somerset Road, Folkestone. | From its junction with Cheriton High Street to its junction Baker Road. | Baker Road and Stanley Road (also including Shaftesbury Road and Ashley Avenue). | 5 May 2008 for up to 3 weeks. |
| Stanley Road, Folkestone | Suspension of "No left turn" order into Cheriton High Street. | N/a | 5 May 2008 for up to 3 weeks. |
| Phase 2 | | | |
| Stanley Road, Folkestone | From its junction with Cheriton High Street to its junction Baker Road. | Baker Road and Somerset Road. | 19 May 2008 for up to 3 weeks. |

## Highways - Borough of Swale

**COAST PROTECTION ACT 1949**
**CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD BRIDGE AT MILTON CREEK, SITTINGBOURNE, NORTH KENT.**

NOTICE is hereby given that Kent County Council has applied to the Marine & Fisheries Agency under Section 34 of the Coast Protection Act 1949, as amended by Section 36 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1988, for consent to construct a road bridge at Milton Creek, Sittingbourne, North Kent.

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at: Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT

Representations or objections on navigational grounds in respect of the application should be made in writing, giving an address to which correspondence relating to the representation or objection may be sent, to Tim Hanham, Marine Fisheries Agency, 6A, 3/8 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HH or email to tim.hanham@mfa.gsi.gov.uk, within 28 days of the date of this notice, quoting reference 33993/080327 DC8359.

The Marine & Fisheries Agency will pass to the applicant a copy of any objection or representation he receives.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(VARIOUS ROADS IN SWALE) (ROAD CLOSURE)TEMPORARY ORDER 2008**

NOTICE is hereby given that to allow highway maintenance works to take place the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto on or after 5th May 2008 for a estimated period of one week or for a period not exceeding 18 months.

The alternative for each route described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto is described in column 2 of that Schedule.

**THE SCHEDULE**

| | |
|---|---|
| Darlington Drive, Minster for its entire length. | Barton Hill Drive, Minster Road and Parsonage Chase |
| Sanspareil Avenue, Minster for its entire length. | Barton Hill Drive, Minster Road and Parsonage Chase. |
| Summerville Avenue, Minster for its entire length. | Barton Hill Drive, Minster Road and Parsonage Chase. |
| Auckland Drive, Sittingbourne for its entire length. | None available. |
| Hamilton Crescent, Sittingbourne for its entire length. | None available. |
| Napier Close, Sittingbourne for its entire length. | None available. |
| Dunedin Close, Sittingbourne for its entire length. | None available. |
| Russell Close, Sittingbourne for its entire length. | None available. |

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected duration.

Order will only be effective when the appropriate signs are displayed.

## Highways - Borough of Tonbridge and Malling

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, TONBRIDGE AND MALLING) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND ON-STREET PARKING) (CONSOLIDATION AMENDMENT No. 1) ORDER 2008**

NOTICE is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, &, 4, and Part IV of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act, proposes to make the above Order.

The effect of the Order will be to introduce waiting restrictions at four locations in the Borough of Tonbridge & Malling as follows:

1. Quarry Bank, Tonbridge

To introduce prohibition of waiting "at any time" (double yellow lines) i. on both sides of road, from its junction with Quarry Hill Road (A26) in a westerly direction to the eastern boundary-line with No. 3 Quarry Bank, and ii. on both sides of the central part of Quarry Bank between the Spur Roads (including corner protection for the Spur Roads).

The remainder of Quarry Bank (excluding un-adopted areas) to be subject to a 1 hour restriction on waiting between 12.00 noon and 1.00pm, Monday – Friday (single yellow lines).

2. Twisden Road, East Malling

To extend existing prohibition of waiting "at any time" (double yellow lines) at its junction with Lavender Road in a southerly direction by a further 18 metres on both sides of the road.

3. The Street, Mereworth

To extend existing prohibition of waiting "at any time" (double yellow lines) at junction with Seven Mile Lane on both sides of road in an easterly direction to the end point of School Keep Clear markings, but excluding lay-by area immediately outside Mereworth CP School.

4. Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling

To introduce prohibition of waiting "at any time" (double yellow lines) to protect bus stops and junction at the Access Road to the Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council Offices.

The Order will contain the usual exemptions to enable a vehicle to wait with police permission or for passengers to board or alight, for the loading and unloading of goods, for enabling work to be carried out in or adjacent to the road, for disabled persons and for emergency vehicles.

A copy of the draft Order together with maps, a copy of any Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order, and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be inspected during normal working hours at the offices of Tonbridge and Malling Council Offices, Kings Hill, West Malling or Tonbridge Castle and with the Kent County Council, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent.

If you have any questions concerning the proposed Order or require further information please contact (01732) 876222 during normal office hours.

Anyone wishing to support these proposals, or object to them, should write stating reasons, and quoting the name of the Order, to the Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ, by no later than 12 noon on Monday 26th May 2008

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**BIRLING HILL, SNODLAND (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are being carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Birling Hill, Snodland between Holly Hill and Paddlesworth Road.

The Order will become effective on 19th May 2008, for a period of 5 days between the hours of 09:30 and 15:30 or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Stangate Road, Snodland Road, Hollow Lane, A228 Snodland Bypass/Halling Bypass/Formby Road/Rochester Road, Bush Road, Warren Road, Buckland Road, Lockyers Road, Leywood Road, Whitehorse Road

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the erection of an Aerial cable for BT.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**MILL HALL, AYLESFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are being carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Mill Hall, Aylesford.

The Order will become effective on 19th May 2008, with works taking place between 11pm 24th May 2008 and 14:00 25th May 2008 or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

There is no alternative route for the route described above however there will be road plates on site at all times to allow access.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate maintenance works on the railway track.

**For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee, Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways**

Kent Highway Services

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

**THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004**

**APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: The Sportsman, 23 The Street, Sholden, Deal
Applicant: Mrs Janice Coleman

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Martin Alford
Head of Registration, Regulatory Services
First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall,
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX

Kent County Council

Kent Police Authority

## Audit of Accounts

**2007-08 Accounts**

Any interested person may inspect and copy the accounts and related documents between 10am and 4pm, from 27 May to 23 June 2008 at Kent Police Headquarters, Sutton Road, Maidstone, Kent ME15 9BZ. Telephone 01622 652761.

Any Elector for the areas of the Kent County Council and Medway Council may request a meeting with the auditor to question him about the accounts or make an objection on any matter in respect of which the auditor could take action under the Audit Commission Act 1998 (ie an unlawful item of account; failure to bring a sum into account; a loss or deficiency caused by wilful misconduct) or could make a report.

No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection and the grounds. A copy of such notice may be sent to me at the address below.

Requests to meet the auditor to ask questions or make objections in relation to the accounts should be sent to: Darren Wells, Appointed Auditor, Audit Commission, 16 South Park, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1SN.

The auditors will be available on Tuesday 24 June 2008 at Kent Police Headquarters at 10am.
David Lewis, Treasurer, Kent Police Authority
Gail House, Lower Stone Street
Maidstone, Kent ME15 6NB.

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## Public Notice

In accordance with Section 89 of the Schools Standards and Framework Act (1998) and Section 48 of the Education Act 2002, notice is hereby given that Kent County Council has determined the admissions arrangements for entry into Reception classes, Junior classes, and Transfer to Secondary School. (Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme and Admissions Process). For academic year 2009/10.

Copies of determined arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools are available by contacting the Admissions Team at County Hall, Maidstone on 01622 696565. Or by writing to:

Scott Bagshaw, Head of Admissions & Transport, Rm2.24, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, KENT ME14 1XQ

Links to LA Coordinated Admissions Scheme and Foundation and Voluntary Aided Schools are also available through the KCC Website:

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-sixth-form/school-admissions

Parents/Guardians wishing to object must be eligible to do so. Objections can only be made by a parent/guardian of a child who has attained the age of two but is not above compulsory school age and who has been, is or will be eligible to apply to the school whose admission arrangements are the subject of the objection. The objection can only relate to an aspect(s) of a school admission arrangements that do not comply with the mandatory requirements in the School Admissions Code.

The Co-ordinated Scheme for Secondary will be imposed by the Secretary of State. Parents/Guardians wishing to make an objection to the Scheme or an individual school's admission policy for 2009/10 academic year must do so within six weeks from date of publication of this notice. *(There are proposals to extend the period for objections to the 14 August 2008, if you do not wish to object within the 6 week timeframe please check with the DCSF to ensure your objection will be valid beyond this period)*

Objections should be addressed to the Schools Adjudicator at:

Office of the Schools Adjudicator,
Mowden Hall, Staindrop Road,
Darlington, DL3 9BG

Or email: offschl.adj@dcsf.gsi.gov.uk

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# Citröen's 'Touch of Klaus' is no joke

CITROEN has always been quirky, but the quintessentially French carmaker has really gone weird this time – it's turned German.

Not only have its designers and engineers looked at what Audi & Co are doing, but their new C5 model is being marketed as a "combination of French flair with Teutonic-like levels of quality, coupled with the highest standards of comfort, innovation and in-car technology".

This has also translated into clever ad lines like "Deutsch Marque", "Smit hot", "A Touch of Klaus" and, for the forthcoming estate model, "Das Boot".

Not an entirely original pitch perhaps, since Kent's own Shepherd Neame brewery has perennially sent up Deutschland with a 'Bottle of Britain' campaign for its Spitfire Ale.

However, from being a joke when it used to make entertaining cars prone to disintegration in an unfunny way, Citröen is having the last laugh.

The new C5 is still quirky – the steering wheel boss remains stationary while the rim rotates – but it is truly good to drive and a far better ownership proposition.

By **STEVE LOADER**

The newcomer even looks German, though proper inspection reveals Citröen's new chrome 'moustache' across the bonnet rather than Audi's heavy 'goatee'.

But having caught the eye, Citröen has been careful not to disappoint; there really is a Germanic quality about the way the car looks and feels, even though prices start from a distinctly non-Audi £16,995.

Significantly, Citröen has also strayed from using only its famous hydro-pneumatic suspension on bigger models; unlike the previous and rather ugly C5, the new car is available with a conventional steel suspension as well as the trademark air-springing.

Unfortunately, I was unable to try the former since the test car loaned by Wilmoths of Ashford was a more upmarket Exclusive model, fitted with the hydro-pneumatic layout.

For the moment, this is the preferred choice anyway according to Wilmoths' manager John Ives – all five C5s that the site sold in the first couple of weeks had this layout – although he predicted more sales of cheaper models with the conventional layout as people appreciate the new C5's tempting blend of value and style.

I cannot argue with his confidence; the 138bhp 2.0HDi Exclusive Auto I drove is at the top end of the range with its £21,595 price tag.

But it is not hard to look beyond the frills at this level and see the C5's powerful underlying proposition in terms of style, comfort, fit and finish.

Citröen diehards will be happy they can still buy the famous 'feather-bed' suspension, especially as Citröen has tightened its tendency to roll into the bends, if not the rather light steering.

But you can also see how 'Germanic' underpinnings on cheaper versions could win new recruits to the brand in the increasingly competitive family/company car sector.

The latest Mondeo raised the bar last year as Ford looked to take on German marques that have stolen so much of a sector it used to call its own. Now Citroen is taking them on too and, despite the ads, the French are not joking.

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07 **C30 2.4I SE GEARTRONIC,** FLINT GREY METALLIC, 11,000 MILES ..... £15,950
07 **C30 2.0 SE LUX MANUAL,** TITANIUM GREY PEARL, 11,000 MILES ..... £16,995
08 **C30 1.6D R-DESIGN SPORT MANUAL,** BRILLIANT BLUE PEARL, 1,000 MILES ..... £17,995
07 **C30 T5 SE SPORT GEARTRONIC,** TITANIUM GREY PEARL, 9,000 MILES ..... £18,995

### S40

04 **S40 2.4I S MANUAL,** SILVER METALLIC, 22,100 MILES ..... £8,895
54 **S40 1.8 (125BHP) S MANUAL,** RUBY RED PEARL, 16,500 MILES ..... £9,695
05 **S40 1.8 (125 BHP) SE MANUAL,** CEDAR GREEN PEARL, 32,600 MILES ..... £10,995
55 **S40 2.0D (EURO IV) SE MANUAL,** RUBY RED PEARL, 19,700 MILES ..... £12,995
07 **S40 1.6D (109 PS) S MANUAL,** BRILLIANT BLUE PEARL, 13,600 MILES ..... £13,550
05 **S40 T5 SE MANUAL,** TITANIUM GREY PEARL, 18,000 MILES ..... £13,995
07 **S40 1.8 (125 PS) SPORT MANUAL,** BRILLIANT BLUE PEARL, 12,500 MILES ..... £14,950
07 **S40 2.0D SE MANUAL,** BARENTS BLUE PEARL, 12,000 MILES ..... £15,495
57 **S40 2.0D SE MANUAL,** TITANIUM GREY PEARL, 7,800 MILES ..... £16,495

### V50

04 **V50 2.4I SE AUTOMATIC,** RUBY RED PEARL, 22,100 MILES ..... £12,995
55 **V50 2.4I SE MANUAL,** TITANIUM GREY PEARL, 21,400 MILES ..... £13,985
07 **V50 2.0D (136 PS) SE MANUAL,** ORINOCO BLUE METALLIC, 10,700 MILES ..... £15,995
07 **V50 2.0D SE MANUAL,** MAPLE RED PEARL, 9,500 MILES ..... £16,985
07 **V50 2.0D SE MANUAL,** BRILLIANT BLUE PEARL, 10,000 MILES ..... £17,995
07 **V50 2.0D SE MANUAL,** FLINT GREY PEARL, 10,000 MILES ..... £17,995
07 **V50 2.0D SE MANUAL,** SILVER METALLIC, 13,100 MILES ..... £17,995
07 **V50 2.0D SE MANUAL,** MAPLE RED PEARL, 10,000 MILES ..... £17,995
07 **V50 2.0 SPORT MANUAL,** BRILLIANT BLUE PEARL, 10,000 MILES ..... £17,995
57 **V50 1.8 SE MANUAL,** MAPLE RED PEARL, 3,500 MILES ..... £17,995
08 **V50 2.0D SE MANUAL,** BLACK SAPPHIRE METALLIC, 1,000 MILES ..... £19,995

### C70

03 **C70 2.4 T GT CONVERTIBLE,** SILVER METALLIC, 29,700 MILES ..... £12,995
56 **C70 T5 SE LUX COUPE/CONV GEARTRONIC,** ZANZIBAR GOLD PEARL, 25,800 MILES ..... £21,750

### S60

53 **S60 2.0T SE MANUAL,** NAUTIC BLUE PEARL, 47,100 MILES ..... £7,395
51 **S60 T5 SE GEARTRONIC,** NAUTIC BLUE PEARL, 68,300 MILES ..... £7,495
05 **S60 D5 SE AUTO,** SILVER METALLIC, 18,700 MILES ..... £14,995
55 **S60 2.0T SE AUTO,** SILVER METALLIC, 11,000 MILES ..... £14,995

### S80

05 **S80 2.4 (170 BHP) SE AUTO,** TITANIUM GREY PEARL, 33,000 MILES ..... £12,995
07 **S80 D5 SE GEARTRONIC,** BLACK SAPPHIRE METALLIC, 11,100 MILES ..... £22,995

### V70 AND XC70

Y **V70 2.4 (170BHP) SE AUTOMATIC,** SILVER METALLIC, 54,300 MILES ..... £8,695
52 **V70 2.4 (140 BHP) SE AUTOMATIC,** SILVER METALLIC, 11,100 MILES ..... £10,495
52 **V70 D5 SE AUTOMATIC,** RUBY RED PEARL, 63,700 MILES ..... £11,495
04 **V70 2.4 (170BHP) SE AUTOMATIC,** NAUTIC BLUE PEARL, 36,700 MILES ..... £12,495
04 **V70 D5 SPORT AUTOMATIC,** NAUTIC BLUE PEARL, 30,900 MILES ..... £13,495
07 **V70 2.4 (170 PS) SPECIAL EDITION SPORT AUTO,** TITANIUM GREY PEARL, 10,200 MILES ..... £19,995
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# FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader

## Classy SL regenerates

MERCEDES-BENZ simply does not 'do' facelifts, so we now have a 'new generation' of its beefy yet smart folding hardtop SL coupe, launched in 2002.

The SL had been wearing well, but the regeneration works well with the notable addition of twin power bulges on the bonnet and replacement of the triple-louvre grille by a single vane, both mods delivering a lower and more purposeful look evocative of the classic 300 SL 'Gull Wing'.

No doubt mindful of newer rivals such as the Jaguar XK and BMW 6-Series, Mercedes-Benz has not rested there though.

Engines have been fettled to reduce fuel consumption, with the £65,080 SL350 entry model – claiming 70 per cent of SL sales – getting a major re-work.

A test drive confirmed that this has made the most affordable SL even more appealing – the engine is more responsive and revs well to deliver a snappier 0-62mph sprint time of 6.2 seconds, while combined cycle fuel consumption is up from 27.4 to 28.5mpg.

At the other extreme you still have the bonkers AMG versions from an equally mad £102,075, which mutilate the above sprint and fuel consumption figures – but you might feel it is worth it to hear the engines howling and the auto transmission 'blipping' the throttle for you in the down changes.

## Maxi majors on comfort

A CHANCE to drive VW's latest Maxi van was an eye-opener about how far vans – the 'poor relation' of the motor industry – have advanced recently.

Not only did it handle tidily, but the cabin would not have disgraced an equivalent car – standard kit includes remote central locking and a cd/radio, but it can be specc'd up with air-con, cruise control, heated front seats and more.

The Caddy Maxi fits between VW's standard Caddy compact and long-running Transporter panel vans and starts at £12,650 ex VAT.

The vehicle I sampled was £14,050 though, with some cash taken by a clever VW Group double-clutch DSG auto gearbox – apparently, the smooth shifting transmission with its sporty manual option is a winner with urban operators and drivers.

## Peugeot holdall's glassy replacement

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# New Laguna is no German wannabe

by STEVELOADER

MOST mainstream motor manufacturers are striking back at premium marques stealing their bread and butter sales in the middle or 'Mondeo' sector.

Ford itself launched a radically improved Mondeo last year, Mazda has a cracking new '6' out, VW has the classy Passat, Vauxhall launches a stunning Vectra replacement – the Insignia – in October and Citroen says its new C5 is aimed at German marques – see our 'First Drive report' elsewhere.

Maybe Renault knows something the others don't, because its new Laguna is rather outclassed by these other new kids on the block and is more 're-heated' than all-new product.

## Newcomer

So, despite road testing a smartly fitted out mid-range 2.0D Dynamique dCi with higher output (150bhp) engine – theoretically on the radar for a typical executive 'user chooser' – I can't see this other newcomer taking the fight to the Germans.

In fact, I reckon the self-styled 'Créateur d'Automobiles' has decided to cede the middle ground to the likes of Audi, BMW and Mercedes-Benz, let alone Ford and Co, and make its stand in supermini territory – its chic Clio being one of the stars of the sector.

RE-HEATED: The new Renault Laguna is unlikely to have the likes of BMW running for cover

Renault does pretty well on the MPV front too, having created the type with its Espace and Scenic model series.

A precedent for withdrawal from the Mondeo sector was also set by Renault's partner Nissan, which has not looked back since axing the Primera as well as the smaller Almera in favour of the big-selling Qashqai crossover model.

On top of all this, Renault might have read the runes better than mainstream rivals and realised that the green/global warming/social conscience movement is gathering momentum faster than predicted and buyers may soon abandon large family models altogether.

If 'Le Créateur' is right then its own legacy may be lauded as shrewdly avoiding another major commitment to a doomed sector, having burned its fingers in the now virtually defunct 'mainstream executive' sector with the disastrous Vel Satis and Avant Time models.

With aggressive pricing – and the chance to drive a hard bargain on top – the new Laguna should also hold the line well in a troubled sector.

The styling is less clumsy than the previous car, though possibly less imposing, and the rear end styling of the Sport Tourer (estate) is particularly sharp.

The interior is also typically distinctive and airier than before, even if Renault failed to appreciate that the likes of Ford and Citroen have moved things on in terms of materials.

Boot space is generous and legroom good, though rear headroom may be restrictive and a lack of stowage space was exacerbated on the test car by the sat nav player being in the glovebox; I was even less impressed after finding that system complicated and confusing to use.

On the road, the engine impresses with its willingness and quick take-off and overall frugality – an average of 45mpg should be achievable – but it can be noisy under pressure and motorway refinement is only so-so for this class.

But it is on rural roads that the Laguna lets itself down; the sloppy body control of past models has been sorted, but you hear and feel too much of what is going on as the car tackles our increasingly dreadful country roads.

By all means, keep the Laguna on your shopping list but make sure you get a good deal – it's no German wannabe.

## DrivingStats

- Renault Laguna 2.0D Dynamique dCi 150 £18,420
- Range: £15,990-23,420
- Garage stats: 4.7m by 1.81m five-door hatchback
- Powertrain: 1,995cc/150bhp four-cylinder turbodiesel driving front wheels through a six-speed manual gearbox
- Performance: top speed 130mph and 0-62mph in 9.5 seconds
- How green?: category-D (£145/yr) and 158g per km CO2 emissions
- Official fuel figures: combined 47.1mpg
- Euro NCAP safety rating (0-5 stars): *****
- Fuel tank: 66 litres/14.5 gallons
- Insurance group: 11
- Warranty: three years/60,000 miles
- Website: www.renault.co.uk
- Rivals: Alfa Romeo 159, Audi A4, BMW 3-Series, Chevrolet Epica, Chrysler Sebring, Citröen C5, Dodge Avenger, Ford Mondeo, Honda Accord, Hyundai Sonata, Kia Magentis, Lexus IS, Mazda6, Mercedes-Benz C-Class, Peugeot 407, Saab 9-3, Skoda Octavia or Superb, Subaru Legacy, Toyota Avensis, Vauxhall Vectra, Volvo S60 and VW Passat

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# Who says MPVs

## Mazda5

QUALITY PACKAGE: The new Mazda5 has an improved interior and the price tag, starting from £14,770, is also reasonable

IF YOU fancy being Japan's answer to Italy's Alfa Romeo in terms of sportiness and verve, then making an MPV could kill your ambition.

But Mazda applied its Zoom-Zoom philosophy to the Mazda5 and created an MPV that neither requires apologies from the company or those who buy it.

The car has also just had a modest facelift – acknowledgement perhaps that Mazda got the car about right first time.

### Sleek

You have to look particularly hard to see the changes outside, though they include new bumpers and light clusters front and back, revised front grille and a fresh range of alloys, but the car retains its relatively sleek and aerodynamic lines.

For me, that is its unique selling point: if you have to saddle yourself with an MPV – which I believe stands for 'my passengers' vehicle' rather than the official term, Multi-Purpose Vehicle – then this will leave you with some street cred.

And driving it will certainly keep you smiling, because the '5' moves as well as it looks.

Our mid-range two-litre TS2 petrol test car could certainly be hustled and, despite the higher MPV position, you would quickly forget that you are in a people carrier able to carry – at a pinch – seven people.

The Mazda5 does not pitch and roll like some rivals, but neither is the suspension so sporty that it will irritate you or your passengers.

A typically crisp standard-fit six-speed gearshift and responsive steering is part of the mix – great whether carrying lots of passengers or driving solo.

It means the car might also appeal to couples or small families not needing the extra seats so much, but the cavernous load space to support a sporty lifestyle or carry dogs.

But most buyers want that big cabin, plus versatile extra seating and the Mazda5 is alone in the midi-MPV sector in having two sliding rear side doors, with electric power available on these too as part of a £1,750 luxury pack also bringing xenon headlights and black leather trim.

The wide-opening doors really are a boon and particularly for parents strapping kids in the back, but I have said before that access beyond the middle row of seats into the two compact (kids-only) rearmost seats is rather tight.

A further criticism is the so-called third/centre seat in the middle row – it is so narrow that it is a real emergency reserve and best left in fold down armrest/table mode.

Such minor grumbles apart though, the Mazda5 is a quality package and the recent facelift has further improved the ambience of the interior; it is perhaps still rather staid against jazzier French rivals but this could be a point in its favour for some buyers.

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| Amount of credit | £14,247 |
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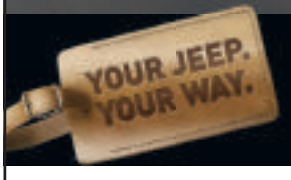


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## ALFA ROMEO

**147 1.6**, T Spark, 2001, red, 50685 miles, £3995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

**156**, Jtd Veloce, 552461, central locking, immobiliser, air conditioning, air bag, abs, power steering, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, head restraints, stereo, cloth upholstery, 16'' alloys, red, 46000 miles, £6499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

## AUDI

**A4**, 1.9tdi 130 se estate, 2003, blue m with grey cloth, 67000 miles, £8950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**TT**, Quattro, 577461, remote central locking, electric mirrors, electric windows, air bag, abs, power steering, cd, colour coded body, head restraints, full leather, metallic paintwork, central locking, multi-disc cd player, climate control, 18'' alloys, 4x4, olive green, 76000 miles, £8999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

## BENTLEY

**ARNAGE**, red label auto, 2001, blenhiem silver with black leather, 50000 miles, £44950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

## BMW

**3 SERIES**, 325Ci M SPORT CONV, 20564188, grey, 22592 miles, £18000, Big Motoring World, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**318**, 2003, mauritus blue, 25478 miles, £10995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

**6 SERIES**, 645ci coupe, 2004, mystic blue with black dakota leather, 39000 miles, £24950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**7 SERIES**, 745i auto, 2002, silver met with black nascar leather, 52000 miles, £14950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

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**CTS**, cts 3.6 sport luxury v6, 2005, light platinum with black leather, 22379 miles, £12950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

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**CAPTIVA**, LTX 2.0, 1120639, finished in denim blue with black interior automatic, black, 4000 miles, £22995, caffyns chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

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## CHRYSLER

**300C**, 5.7v8 auto estate, 2007, brilliant crystal met with dark and light slate gr, 10577 miles, £18950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**PT CRUISER**, 925649, chrysler pt cruiser 2.4 gt 5dr honda honda ashford drake & fletcher blue, 2005, 27672 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, blue, £7990, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

## CITROEN

**BERLINGO MULTISPACE**, 2005, 2.0hdi 90 desire 5dr dsl est, grey, 49500 miles, £6995, Barretts Citroen, canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

**C-CROSSER**, 2.2 HDi Exclusive 5dr, 2007, 2.2 hdi exclusive 5dr diesel estate, purplish grey, 1000 miles, £20995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

**C3**, 1.4i Desire 5dr, 2007, 1.4i desire 5dr hatch special edition, grey, 10400 miles, £7495, Barretts Citroen, canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

**C5**, 1.6 HDi 16V VTR 5dr, 2006, 1.6 hdi 16v vtr 5dr diesel hatch, red, 12761 miles, £10495, Wilmoths Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

**C6**, 2.7 HDi V6 Exclusive 4dr Auto, 2007, 2.7 hdi v6 exclusive 4dr auto diesel saloon, iron grey, 5000 miles, £23495, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

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**SAXO**, 1.1i Desire 5dr, 2003, 1.1i desire 5dr hatch, silver, 29200 miles, £3495, Barretts Citroen, canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

**XSARA PICASSO**, 2005, 1.6i desire 5dr estate, iron grey, 22040 miles, £6195, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

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**DAEWOO NUBIRA** 4 door saloon, 06 2000, 1.6 p se mot july 08, 0 miles, £500, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**LACETTI**, SX 1.6, 25637, finished in mint green with black interior manual, black, 0 miles, £4995, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

## HONDA

**ACCORD**, CDI EXECUTIVE, 2005, trim: leather engine size: 2200 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, grey, 33000 miles, £11995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

**CR-V**, - 2.2 I-Ctdi Sport 5dr, 1112649, silver, 2007, 4953 miles, manual, diesel, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £14950, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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**X-TYPE**, 2.0 V6 Se, 2002, silver, 42000 miles, £6995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

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**GRAND CHEROKEE**, 1997, green, 180000 miles, £2995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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**DEFENDER**, 90 TDi Station Wagon, 10875054, power steering, rear wash/wipe, tow pack, stereo, 7 seater. road tax is £185 per year, green, 125000 miles, £8295, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

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**GS300**, GS 300 SE, 511461, full leather, cd player, climate control, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, head restraints, rear headrests, abs, air bag, radio, electric windows, electric mirrors, power steering, immobiliser, remote alarm, electric seats, 16'' alloys, grey, 90000 miles, £7999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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**323F**, SE, 2000, silver, 41000 miles, £3995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

**5**, TS2 D 2.0 110PS 5dr MPV, jan 2006 gl55hyf, two previous keepers, power steering remote central locking, air conditioning, electric windows, 6 speed gearbox, full service history, radio/cd player, cd autochanger, twin/side/curtain airbags, abs brakes, engine immobiliser, car alarm, electricdoor mirrors, tinted glass, rear wash/wipe, adj. steering column, seat height adjuster, sports seats, seven seats, alloy wheels. carbon grey metallic, 15, 000 miles, £12, 995, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 206710 (TRADE)

**6**, TS Tdi 143ps, 2005, grey met, 25000 miles, £9995, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

**DEMIO**, Aegean 5dr, w438uhj, immobiliser, power steering, cloth upholstery, air bag, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, stereo, aluminium silver, 50000 miles, £2499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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**RX8**, - 232 Evolve Leather, 1126649, copper red, 2006, 11000 miles, manual, petrol, 4 doors, 1 previous owners, red, £14789, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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**PERSONA**, 1.5 GLSi Saloon 4d 1468cc auto, s 1999, electric windows, power steering, drivers airbag, sunroof, remote mirrors, radio cassette. green, £1995, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

## RENAULT

**CLIO**, CAMPUS 1.2 3DR, 2006, trim: cloth engine size: 1200 transmission: manual no. of doors: 3, mercury, 25000 miles, £5695, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

**LAGUNA**, DYNAMIQUE 1.9DCI, 2008, trim: part leather engine size: 1900 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, pearl black, 2000 miles, £19995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

**SCENIC 1.6**, 2003, silver, 25726 miles, £5495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

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**IMPREZA**, WRX STi WR1, 1997, subaru impreza wrx sti turbo 1997 P reg white gold alloys air con e/windows power steering central locing rear spoiler, white, 69000 miles, £5795, FOLKESTONE KENT, 01303 223007 (PRIVATE)

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**AVENSIS**, 1.8 VVTi GS 4dr (2000 - 2003), 28/03/2002, driver airbag power steering electric windows, red, 36788 miles, £4499, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

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# Peter's empire still expanding

KENT insurance king Peter Cullum has swept aside the world's money problems and gone on a massive takeover spree involving firms with an incredible £900 million-plus in premiums over the last eight months.

Latest acquisition is MacDonald Reid Scott Group, a leading Glasgow-based insurance broking and financial services firm, controlling premiums of £9 million.

But there has been a host of activity since August last year as Mr Cullum, UK Entrepreneur of the Year in 2005 and with an empire based in Maidstone, has snapped up 12 other brokers.

In an exclusive interview with KOS Media, he said: "You could call the present climate mildly hostile in terms of business, but in a perverse way it is an opportunity for us.

"We are very well capitalised and have a war chest for acquisitions, unlike our competitors. Trying to raise reasonable funding for new acquisitions is pretty difficult for them at the moment."

Mr Cullum said he would not have welcomed the current banking squeeze. "It is not good for us or our clients, but we are more than able to make acquisitions of any size.

"We are in very good shape and our acquisition strategy is very robust."

GOOD SHAPE: Peter Cullum

Mr Cullum began his insurance career in 1969 with the Royal Insurance Group. At the age of 21 he became the youngest person to pass the Chartered Insurance Institute fellowship examinations. In 1997 he created the Towergate Underwriting Group.

His latest acquisition was established in 1981 and under the deal its 42 general insurance broker staff have made the move to Towergate and will continue to be led by managing director Bernard Dunn.

Its employee benefits consulting and wealth management side – which Mr Cullum says has "significant growth potential" – under the leadership of managing director Douglas McIntyre, will become part of newly formed Towergate Financial Services.

Mr Cullum also runs Towergate's sister company Cullum Capital Ventures, which itself has further established its presence in the north west by taking over Liverpool-based Ajax Insurance Brokers.

He said MacDonald Reid Scott was "part of Towergate's exciting expansion plans for Scotland where we have strong ambitions".

One of its 12 recent broker acquisitions was Aberdeen-based McAra Associates, with premiums of £5.6 million. Among the other takeovers were Open G1, controlling premiums of £300 million, in September, and Broker Network Ltd (premiums £450 million) in December.

Towergate, which has about 100 offices around the UK, and is based in Towergate House in Staceys Street, is planning to move to Maidstone's Eclipse Park in November. It employs nearly 5,000 staff in the UK and controls premiums in the region of £2.5 billion.

CCV has a yearly turnover of about £75 million and by year end will control about £350 million in premiums, making it one of the top four brokers in the UK.

# Takeover deal delight

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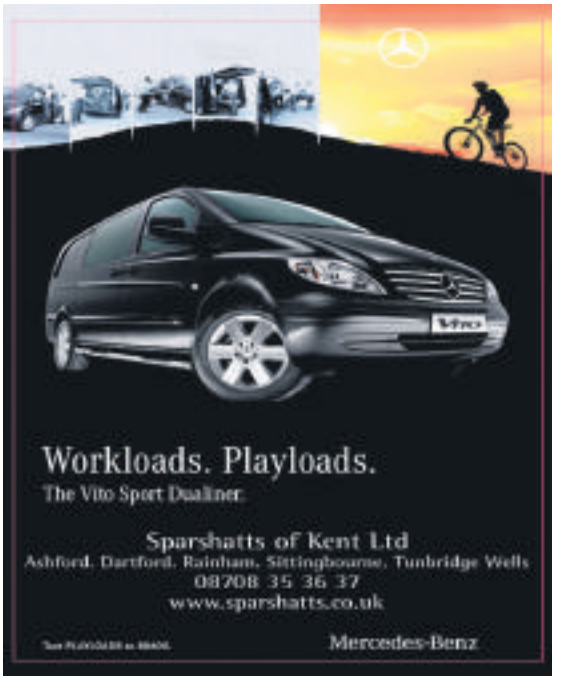


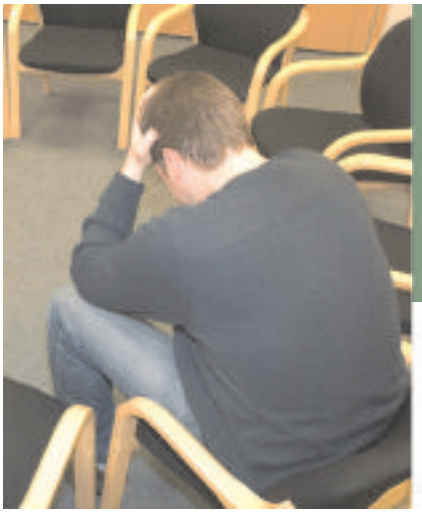

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# Why centre's educational role is not just cricket

By RICHARD PARSONS
Business Publisher

IF YOU are looking at fresh ideas on how to expand the CSR – corporate social responsibility≠– activity of your business or how to support a valuable learning initiative, one great activity to get involved in is Playing for Success.

Playing for Success (PfS) is a partnership between the Department for Children, Schools and Families, Kent County Council and a host club.

In Kent there are four host clubs: Kent County Cricket Club, Ebbsfleet United FC, Margate FC and Buckmore Park kart track.

The vision behind PfS is to support under-achieving Key Stage 2 and 3 pupils and re-engage reluctant learners by using inspirational role-models and the aura of a big sporting venue to help individual children re-evaluate their self worth and abilities and give them a better chance in life.

The charity works with schools to improve pupils' self esteem, motivation, literacy, numeracy and IT skills. Schools are invited to send those children they feel will gain the greatest benefit.

At Canterbury's St Lawrence ground, the home of cricket in Kent, the county club has worked with PfS to create the Kent Spitfires Study Centre where the

INSPIRING: Exiled cricketer Henry Olonga

MAN OF KENT: County professional Matt Walker

Playing for Success curriculum has been run with overwhelming success for more than three years.

In the last year alone more than 300 children have benefited from attending the centre, which has 14 networked desktop computers, laptops, a surround sound system as well as an interactive projector and whiteboard.

Recently installed video conferencing will connect all the centres in Kent, allowing users to talk and learn together. The curriculum inspires the young learners and activities include a range of literacy and numeracy "energisers", as well as opportunities to interview and work with county and international cricketers, and for cricket coaching in the academy nets.

Coming to the study centre really does make a hugely important contribution to the children. The work of the centre was highlighted at a lunch hosted by the PfS team at the St Lawrence ground where an audience from the business world heard from two cricketing greats: Matt Walker, a Kent professional who has his benefit year in 2008; and former Zimbabwean international Henry Olonga, who has defied the Mugabe regime in his home country and lives in exile in the UK.

Both spoke of the importance of the study centre and the value it adds for students. The centre gets great support from the staff and cricketers and would like to further develop ties, particularly with businesses in the county. If you or your colleagues want to work with the Kent Spitfires Study Centre team they would be delighted to tell you more, explain how their partnership packages work and even give you a tour. Contact Craig Riley on 01227 473619 or visit www.ks-studycentre.co.uk

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Some examples include the re-allocation of duties, a fundamental change in the employee's duties, a change in the kind of work done by the employee, a reorganisation leading to a reduced need for employees or the restructuring of departments or workforce hierarchy.

Redundancy is a potentially fair reason for dismissal of an employee. Employers should be aware though that even if a dismissal is genuinely on grounds of redundancy, whether it is fair or unfair to dismiss for that reason depends normally on the application of the general test of fairness.

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# Developer banking on expansion

FRIENDS Jeremy Pickering and James Stewart set up a property investment business as a side interest but now it is booming and has just received a near-£2 million funding package.

Burgate Developments was established in 1997 with the friends holding an equal share and by 2000 both directors began working for the company full-time. Mr Pickering has since left but Mr Stewart remains as director. Now Burgate has linked up with NatWest Bank, which has refinanced its loans on 24 industrial units near Canterbury with a £1.7 million funding package. Burgate buys land, primarily in the Canterbury and Ashford areas, and then negotiates for planning permission before selling on or developing itself. It recently acquired 24 industrial units at Barham, near Canterbury.

Mr Stewart said: "We've seen an extraordinary amount of success and expansion, far beyond what we had initially foreseen."

# Protecting against flood risk

MORE than 150,000 homes are in areas at risk of coastal or river flooding in Kent, Sussex, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

With climate change likely to increase the risk of extreme weather events and floods, the Environment Agency has launched three simple flooding guides that offer crucial advice on how to protect your home and family – before, during and after flooding.

The guides form an essential part of the agency's ongoing flood awareness campaign which urges every household and business to check their flood risk by calling Floodline on 0845 9881188 or using the online postcode checker at www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood.

The launch follows the visit of the agency's flood awareness roadshow to Whitstable, which demonstrated the steps people can take to prepare for flooding and provided one-to-one advice to the many attendees.

# Silver award for safety

HEWDEN, one of the UK's largest plant hire firms, with depots in Dartford, Belvedere and Ashford, is celebrating winning a prestigious Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) occupational health and safety award.

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Jim Gray, head of safety, health, environment and quality, said: "We are proud of our employees, who champion excellent health and safety practice.

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"We aim to achieve a gold award in 2009."

# Positioning to ride out the credit crunch

SOUTH East businesses are joining others around the nation and arming themselves for battle against the credit squeeze – but the vast majority still want to keep growing, according to a new survey.

After months of uncertainty for firms outside the financial sector, they are beginning to marshal their forces says Baker Tilly, one of the UK's leading accountant and business advisors, with offices in Bromley and Tunbridge Wells.

The survey, carried out in February and early April, found that a cross-section of businesses adjusted their outlook on the UK economy downwards during March, becoming more focused on cutting costs in the light of an expected drop in earnings.

In addition, the number of companies bringing in additional risk controls tripled, as the effects of the credit crunch deepened and widened. Baker Tilly quizzed the finance directors of more than 100 public and private companies with turnovers of between £20-£250m.

A third of respondents said the credit crunch was beginning to impact more on their business during March. Nearly two-thirds of these said they were experiencing a decrease in profits and a quarter said that they were finding problems with financing.

The biggest change during the month was in attitudes to risk. By the beginning of April, nearly two-thirds were bringing in tougher credit controls and assessment of customer and supplier risk compared with only just over a fifth a month earlier.

The importance of financial forecasting grew, from 11 per cent from February to April, with 44 per cent of finance directors now saying the credit crunch had made it more important to their role.

The number of companies considering cutting costs nearly doubled during March, rising to 45 per cent by the beginning April. The biggest area for potential cost savings was seen in head count. One in four companies was aiming to limit recruitment and one in six was pondering redundancies.

The perceived threat of bankruptcy among suppliers jumped markedly between the two survey dates, from 18 per cent to 38 per cent.

But the majority of companies – 75 per cent – are continuing their growth strategies this year, and this is only an 11 per cent drop.

Surprisingly, there was only a small change in sentiment on launching shares on the stock market. Of the 15 per cent of those considering listing, two-thirds would do so irrespective of the economy. The majority of companies – 95 per cent – felt economic growth would be substantially lower in 2008 than 2007, with 38 per cent citing the second half of 2009 as the turnaround period. Bill Owen, managing partner at Tunbridge Wells, said: "We are in a period of uncertainty and firms are focusing more on internal controls and assessing external risks."

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### No smoke without ire in legal 'minefield'

WITH a pub landlord being fined £500 and ordered to pay £2,000 costs after he admitted flouting the smoking ban, a local expert has warned businesses.

Matthew Willson, of Peninsula Business Services, the employment law and health and safety firm, said: "For many businesses, the smoking ban is simply another area of the law where compliance is essential, but in practice is sometimes overlooked."

### Wind power greases wheels of industry

A KEY future focus for Gravesend-based Sprint Engineering and Lubricants Ltd, a leading distributor of lubricants, greases and cutting fluids, is wind energy.

It has linked up with NatWest's international banking team so it can exploit any opportunities that crop up. Joint director Kevin Donovan said: "We needed to find a supporter that could share our vision and provide us with the financial credentials as our business grows."

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# Family group growing

By **STEVE LOADER**

KENT motor group Motorline has become a regional player with the opening of a state-of-the-art Volkswagen dealership near Gatwick airport.

The multi-million pound showroom was opened officially by five-times Olympic gold medallist Sir Steve Redgrave.

Motorline director Thomas Obee said: "We are sure our new showroom will have a wow factor and were delighted that Sir Steve was able to put his muscle behind our launch."

But the 3.5-acre facility also shows Motorline, founded as a modest used car and servicing garage in Canterbury in 1973, flexing its own muscles in an industry dominated by big dealer chains.

The group already had 15 outlets and 400 staff across the Toyota, Lexus, Renault, Nissan, Mitsubishi, Skoda, VW and Ducati brands. However, acquisition of the Gatwick and East Grinstead VW franchise and redevelopment into one of the largest VW outlets in the UK takes Motorline into a new league – and the staff count to nearly 450.

Family-owned and headed by brothers Glen, Thomas and Gary Obee, Motorline has expanded steadily in recent years and is not ruling out yet more growth.

**POLE POSITION: Sir Steve Redgrave cuts the tape, with Glen (left) and Thomas Obee**

"We are always alert to new openings but sometimes they come along more quickly than expected," said Thomas Obee. "It's a fast-moving business that needs economies of scale and opportunities can arrive like buses – all at the same time." The 'buses' in this case are:

2005 – re-siting and expansion of Toyota Ashford;

2006 – acquisition of Nissan Dartford and addition of all-new Skoda operation; all-new Renault Maidstone; moving into motorcycles with an all-new Ducati franchise for Kent in Ashford;

2007 – acquisition of Nissan Tunbridge Wells.

"We considered expanding outside Kent for some time," Thomas said. "Gatwick/Crawley was a target and this came up."

The new showroom at Crawley has two levels for 16 cars and up to 70 used cars can be displayed outside.

It is a far cry from the garage founded by the Obee brothers' father, Tom, who took a chance on an 'unknown' Japanese franchise.

"One day, a rep left a card and suggested Dad call him," recalled Thomas. "The man was from Toyota and nobody knew the name then, but we took it on and it proved to be a good move."

Apart from growing with Toyota – the world's most profitable car maker – Motorline has expanded quickly into other franchises, overcoming potential rivalries by devoting resources equally and fairly to each brand and ensuring they run efficiently as stand-alone businesses.

"We also try to stay ahead of the game in terms of developing each site," said Thomas as he looked to the future.

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# How to survive the storm

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

With more than 30 years' experience in banking, **Adrian Wenn**, regional director of Clydesdale Bank's 10 financial solutions centres in the South East, is ideally qualified to advise Kent business owners – especially with the credit crunch giving many of them their first real taste of difficult economic times. Mr Wenn talks to KOS Media about business survival and what owners can do to help themselves in the current market

ADRIAN WENN: Advice

COMPANIES aiming to expand or needing cash quickly for a strategic move appreciate a bank that comes up with fast decisions supported by local knowledge.

This is where Adrian Wenn appears as a major player on the region's financial scene.

Mr Wenn, from East Farleigh, is regional director of Clydesdale Bank's 10 financial solutions centres in the South East, stretching from Southampton in the west to Maidstone in the east, and including Tunbridge Wells.

He has more than 30 years' experience in banking and is part of Clydesdale's team of more than 200 experts across the region.

The financial solutions centre is a model unique to Clydesdale and its sister Yorkshire Bank.

Mr Wenn talks to KOS Media about business survival and what owners can do to help their business in the current market.

**Q *What are your views on the UK economy right now?***

**A** The UK economy isn't in a good place. By now we are all well aware of what's happening: on the other side of the pond; the credit crunch; the mortgage rush and Northern Rock. Economists still can't agree whether the UK will slide into recession. What is clear though is that the volatility in the market will make it feel as though we are in a recession, regardless of the official definition.

**Q *What is the future for business owners?***

**A** Keeping businesses profitable, or at the very least alive, during periods of volatility isn't necessarily new to business owners. Many sat tight when recession hit in the early 1990s and when the dotcom bubble burst in 2001 and lived to tell the tale. But for others who have only ever operated in favourable economic conditions, the prospect of surviving in such turmoil gives them cause for concern.

Without painting too grim a picture, it's going to get worse before it gets better. Some mortgage lenders have started shutting their doors to new customers and the rate of commercial repossessions is expected to rise. Add to this the Chancellor downgrading his predictions for GDP growth in the Budget and the Chamber of Commerce's belief that it will slow by more than 1 per cent this year, and it's understandable why policy-makers are preparing for tough times ahead. Although few would have predicted what was going to happen in the US and the knock-on effects for world markets, our own research into UK business confidence – which was carried out before the global credit crunch took hold – found that 60 per cent of UK SMEs – small and medium-sized enterprises – expected 2008 to be much more difficult than 2007. So it seems UK SMEs have been readying themselves for turbulent times.

**Q *What steps can businesses take?***

**A** There are a few simple steps that can give them the best chance of survival or even growth.

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Profit is sanity: hard times mean ensuring every aspect of your business works towards future success.

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Remember your customer: more so than ever during a period of unrest, the customer is king. What any business owner should be doing at this time is involving the customer in the company and letting them know about future plans.

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# Young guns shine at entrepreneur awards

KENT students were able to demonstrate their entrepreneurial skills to some of the county's top businesspeople at the recent annual Young Entrepreneurs dinner and presentation sponsored by the county branch of the Institute of Directors.

Keynote speaker was IoD director general Miles Templeman, who is also chairman designate of Shepherd Neame brewery.

Winner of the Young Enterprise competition was a team from Chatham Grammar School for Boys, whose company Twangus had successfully produced and sold a book of poetry.

Mark Gilchrist, 27-year-old chef and game enthusiast, was winner of the Young Entrepreneur of the Year award, who spoke about how his love of shooting and the countryside led to his starting up his business, Game For Everything.

Frazer Thompson, IoD Kent chairman, said: "It was a great evening. Sometimes, businesses need to put something back and from their vast experience, give young people starting out some advice and support."

Bradley Harmsworth, a development director for Giles in Kent, representing the evening's sponsors Giles Insurance Brokers, said: "The quality of the presentations given by the competition winners was nothing short of impressive.

"Giles is proud to work with Kent Association of Young Entrepreneurs and to support Kent's future business leaders."

# Bill still has wind in his sails

BILL Laidlaw, sales director for SeaFrance Limited is celebrating his 35th year in the ferry industry, having spent over 40 years in shipping.

He began his career working as an office boy for P&O Ferries, and he has since been assigned to a number of high-profile shipping projects, including setting up a fast ferry service for Qatar Shipping between Doha, Bahrain and Dubai.

Between 1984 and 1994, Bill worked as managing director of Sealink Newhaven-Dieppe Ferries.

He set up SeaFrance Limited in 1995 when Newhaven-Dieppe Ferries withdrew from the Sealink British Ferries pool.

Mr Laidlaw was virtually given a blank sheet of paper by SeaFrance to set up the UK arm of the French operator, which in the past 10 years has grown from just one member of staff to nearly 200 employees, operating a fleet of six ferries, including superferries the SeaFrance Berlioz and the SeaFrance Rodin.

He said: "Over the years I've seen fantastic growth in the ferry market and the development of new ships which has lifted the industry way beyond anybody's expectations."

# Movers & Shakers

KENT law firm, Girlings, has appointed Peter Morgan as the firm's first non-executive chairman. The appointment, which is unusual for a law firm, reflects the increasingly commercial nature of legal practice.

Peter Morgan has been deputy chairman of Girlings since July 2000. He joined as a partner in 1972, specialising in personal Injury law.

Mr Morgan has now retired from full time practice and as a consultant, assumed the role of non-executive chairman.

He is president of Kent County Cricket Club for 2008 and sits as a recorder in the Crown Courts.

The previous chairman of Girlings, Francis Elton, retired from full-time practice on March 31, having been chairman since July 2000. He will continue to work with Girlings as a consultant.

He also joined the firm in 1972, specialising in private client, criminal law, road traffic and liquor and gambling licensing work.

Girlings has 26 partners and more than 120 members staff at its offices in Ashford, Canterbury, Folkestone, Herne Bay and Margate.

IN AND OUT: retiring chairman, Francis Elton (left) with new chairman, Peter Morgan (right)

DR JERRY Cross, a research leader at independent Kent-based East Malling Research (EMR) has been appointed as visiting professor in horticultural entomology at the the Natural Resources Institute (NRI), part of the University of Greenwich at Medway.

He studies the impact of insect pests on horticulture in the UK and overseas, specialising in developing environmentally acceptable control methods for fruit including apples and pears.

Dr Cross has a strong track record of collaborating closely with scientists at the NRI, including Professor David Hall's research group, which focus on naturally occurring attractants and repellents for insect pests and the development of control methods, which are not harmful to crops, humans or other wildlife.

He will hold the title of visiting professor for three years and says he is keen to further enhance the productive working relationship between the two organisations.

NATIONAL recruitment group, Ashford-based HR GO plc, has announced the appointment of Hazel Jackson as account development director for its national sales department.

Based in Leeds, Ms Jackson will provide comprehensive training and support to more than 50 Joint Venture companies and ensure internal and external compliance, conducting client service reviews, and developing cogent management information.

Her previous employment includes two years at First Direct as a communication co-coordinator and over nine and a half years at Reed Managed Services in various managerial roles.

She said: "When the opportunity arose to become part of the group I knew it was the ideal career move."

HR GO, which is celebrating its 50th year, is one of the top 50 recruitment organisations in the UK covering a wide range of industry sectors.

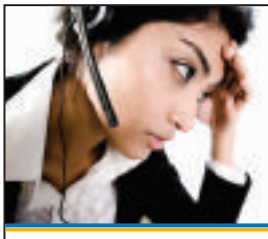
The business has a turnover of £90 million and employs 450 permanent staff.

BARCLAYS has appointed Matthew Skeggs as local business manager for established branches in the Gravesend area.

He has worked most recently as a business development manager at Lloyds TSB in London. He has also worked for Capita Registrars as a relationship manager and in Corporate Actions at BGI, CrestCo and IRG plc, and brings a wealth of sales and business relationship development experience to Barclays.

As part of the Southern local business team, one of Matt's aims is to develop Barclays relationship with Gravesend's large Asian population. He has already met with senior representatives of the Sikh community and visited the local Gurdwara temple.

BROADSTAIRS-based lawyers Bell Dening has two new recruits – Robert Trickey and Isabel Staunton – previously partners at local firm Goldcrest Conveyancing, which is no longer trading (although Goldcrest Estate Agency continues to trade).



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# A fresh challenge

## New breed of farmers ready for action

By RICHARD PARSONS
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SOME of the first student farmers of the next generation were recently awarded their completion certificates at Hadlow College.

The college's first intake of 15 'Fresh Start' students got their certificates in front of a packed audience from Valerie Carter, rural sector director of the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA).

Fresh Start is a government-backed initiative led by the farming industry and launched in 2006 by Sir Don Curry.

### Tradition

Its core aim is to ensure the continuation of farming through the next generation and beyond, following the current break in tradition whereby farming typically was handed down from father to son – now many farmers retire with no one to continue the business.

Hadlow College became the first in Kent and only the second in the UK to become a Fresh Start Academy running the 12-18 month course, so these students are amongst the very first in the country to graduate.

The programme provides agricultural students with business-linked modules, supported by directly and inter-related organisations including the NFU and Business Link.

Rural business consultant, Douglas Jackson, who has helped drive the Fresh Start initiative forward in Kent and across the South East, said: "To be successful in the future these [farming] industries need to be progressive and entrepreneurial with forward-thinking and unique ideas but based on a good grounding in core business management skills."

As well as teaching the new skills required by the modern day farmer, the scheme also "match-makes" retiring farmers with students to provide mentors and bridge the gap between those leaving the industry and those entering.

As well as earning the individual certificate, the students were also put in teams to compete for the Farm Business Challenge Trophy, which rewards the team that has put forward the best bid and business plan for a theoretical farm rental.

Roger Gough, cabinet member for regeneration and supporting independence for Kent County Council, presented the trophy to the team consisting of Ruth Bastable, Ed Lovejoy, Gemma Lovejoy and team leader Simon Pierson.

The next intake of students on the Fresh Start programme will be in September this year.

CHALLENGE The winning team of the Farm Business Challenge Trophy at Hadlow College

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# Missing the target

HOUSING completions will be well down in Kent this year and will certainly not meet expected targets, according to an independent partnership of chartered surveyors.

Cluttons reports that several land deals have been completed in the region since the beginning of the year, but the firm suspects they may be either held undeveloped or developed at a slow rate until the market recovers.

David Parry, who leads the development land section in Cluttons' Maidstone office, says many developers prefer to take options which defer development for a year or two in order to wait for the market to settle.

Most larger house-builders still need a "land-bank" for the future, but, he says, it is self-evident that housing completions will be well down in the county this year, and will certainly not meeting national targets. With falling property prices, land values will also fall significantly.

A five per cent fall in the value of houses means, effectively, a decrease in land value by as much as 10-15 per cent.

The firm reckons development land values have been adversely affected by increasing affordable housing quotas and planning obligations.

It has noticed a "discernible increase in interest" from housing associations, which are buying land even with allocations for private housing to speed up delivery of homes.

Developers, it says, are expected to be carrying out a number of schemes on behalf of these associations over the next year or so.

In the meantime, Cluttons says the slowing housing market and difficulties in obtaining mortgages are beginning to take their toll on the region's house-builders, particularly with the sales of apartments.

Cluttons reports that most national and regional developers are showing a patchy sales rate from one week to the next, although houses are still tending to sell better than flats.

Cuts in interest rates by the Bank of England were supposed to help reinvigorate the housing market, but some lenders have failed to pass on these cuts. So with the real price of mortgages rising, it has become increasingly difficult for many people to break into the property market.

Cluttons says that according to government statistics, the average person in Kent earns about £23,500 a year and although a few mortgage funders are still offering 95 per cent loan-to-value, the interest on these loans is significantly higher.

In real terms this means that for those wishing to buy at the lower end of the market, (£125,000 to £200,000) they will have to cope with an average of a seven per cent rise in monthly mortgage payments. In the light of these market conditions, many developers have resorted to offering discounts, part-exchange packages, part-rented and part-ownership schemes and other enticements in an effort to keep the market moving.

The government is trying to make more houses affordable by introducing a scheme called HomeBuy through the Housing Corporation.

HomeBuy enables those who qualify, (first-time buyers, key workers and those in social rented housing) to buy a property outright funded by a conventional mortgage/savings and with the assistance of an equity loan.

Cluttons has noticed an increase in the number of applicants registering for property.

And on new building schemes developers are also seeing increases in viewings, although as yet few offers as prospective movers wait for the market to settle down.

## Surveyors' poll reveals extent of slowdown

THE balance of surveyors reporting demand for commercial property in the first three months of this year has fallen at the fastest pace for six years and rental confidence has fallen at the fastest rate for a decade, says the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) commercial property survey.

Nearly a third – 30 per cent – more surveyors reported a fall than a rise in demand, compared with 15 percent in Q4 2007. All sectors reported a fall for the second consecutive quarter with the retail sector showing the largest decline, dropping to the lowest balance in the survey's history.

Forty per cent more surveyors reported a fall than a rise in retail demand. The continuing credit turmoil and a slowing housing market is clearly weighing upon both retailer and consumer confidence.

New occupier inquiries also fell across all three sectors for the second consecutive month and at a faster pace. Unsurprisingly, the office sector has been worst hit. Thirty-five per cent more surveyors reported a fall than a rise. Confidence in activity fell across all sectors with retail falling to the lowest level on record. Surveyors now expect rents to fall in both the office and industrial sectors, while in the retail market declines in rents are expected to double.

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# SPECIAL REPORT: FA TROPHY FINAL 2008
# EBBSFLEET UTD v TORQUAY UTD

**WEMBLEY STADIUM, SATURDAY, MAY 10. KICK-OFF 2.30PM**

Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

# Golden opportunity

**MAKING the FA Trophy final is not just about the chance for Ebbsfleet to win silverware, but the Gravesend club could ensure their future for many seasons to come.**

**Fleet, who are one of the only full-time professional clubs in the Blue Square Premier League, have had to work with a fairly small budget, but the Wembley final opportunity could ensure the club have an even better chance of making the play-offs next season.**

**This season's march to the famous Wembley arch has earned them £38,000 in prize money and the club could stand to make more than £200,000, according to new owner Will Brooks.**

**If Fleet win they will net £50,000 in prize money and take 45 per cent of the net gate receipts. Even if they lose, the club stands to pick up £25,000 for being the runner-up.**

**The club should also reap the rewards from an estimated 25,000 fans who have purchased tickets for the final and sales of Fleet Wembley merchandise.**

**Brooks, creator of website MyFC, said: "From the final, the club could stand to earn between £200,000 and £250,000 and that is without including all the Wembley merchandise which has sold really well. Everyone seems to be getting behind the club, which is great.**

**"I think we have sold just past the 20,000 mark on the tickets and have bought another batch. I believe we will sell around 25,000 by match day. We also are hoping people will buy tickets at the ground on the day."**

**The final will not just be a celebration for Kent football, but will attract a global audience as MyFC members from all over the world are set to descend on Wembley Stadium next week.**

**Newly acquired fans due to MyFootballClub have made trips to Stonebridge Road since the takeover was rubber stamped. However, the occasion of the club's first-ever Wembley appearance will spark a wave of oversees supporters following the Fleet.**

**Brooks added: "The final has gone down well with the MyFC members and when the tickets first went on sale, almost 5,000 members bought tickets through the MyFC website.**

**"We are expecting people to come from America, Australia and most of Europe, so it will be a global affair. The members have organised a get together on the final day to meet one and other, which is nice to see."**

By **TOM HOWARD**

# 'This is the best team we have ever had'

ACTING chairman Brian Kilcullen has hailed this year's team as the best ever and now feel Ebbsfleet United are no longer a 'small club.'

Kilcullen, who has been a director at the Gravesend club for nine years, is amazed by what the Fleet have achieved this year and how they have climbed from the Ryman Leagues.

He said: "I couldn't have imagined we would be in the position we are now.

"I have seen teams win the FA Trophy, so we knew it was possible, but we have always been considered a small team so it never really crossed my mind. The club has come an awful long way in a short time.

## Achievement

"Just a few years ago we were a Ryman League club and now we have established ourselves in the Conference and this achievement sends a message out that we are no longer a small club.

"What Liam and his team have done is brilliant for the club. They deserve a lot of credit. They've worked hard all year and it's no less then what they deserve after beating Aldershot over two legs. I would go as far as saying that this is the best team we have ever had."

The acting chairman, who is in charge of the remaining 25 per cent of the club, is hoping Kent's football fraternity turn out in force for the final.

He added: "We hope for a huge turnout to support us at Wembley. The Gravesend area has a lot of football fans who support London clubs and I am sure they will come along to support us. I think the amount that will turn out will be surprising.

"It's a long time since a Kent club has played at Wembley and I remember when Gillingham got there in the play-off final, they had a huge following."

Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

**THE MEN IN CHARGE: (l-r) Ebbsfleet acting chairman Brian Kilcullen, captain Patrick McCarthy, secretary Roly Edwards and manager Liam Daish in front of the Bobby Moore statue at Wembley**

# 'My' way

**AFTER the extraordinary takeover by website MyFootballClub in the winter, creator Will Brooks cannot believe his luck that his new team have reached Wembley.**

**The website, which allows football fans to become part owners of a football club by contributing £35-a-year subscription, only went online a year ago.**

**The deal, completed in March, was met by some discomfort by Fleet fans initially, but they are slowly coming round to the idea of having 30,000 owners, all of who have a say in day-to-day decisions at the club.**

**Brooks said: "I can't believe our luck. We could have picked another club, but we chose Ebbsfleet after a lot of consideration and I am glad we did.**

**"At the moment I'm more exhausted than excited, because everyone is running around trying to get everything ready. It's like before Christmas when you are panicking to make sure everything goes how it should. By 5pm on Friday I'm sure I will be starting to get excited. It is amazing we have made this far and being involved with this club at the moment is phenomenal."**

**Brooks, who has watched the majority of Fleet's games this season, said being in the crowd at Aldershot in the semi-final second leg was one that will live with him forever.**

**"I've never experienced the scenes and stress which were shown by the fans at Aldershot," he said. "When that injury-time goal was scored, people were crying and hugging each other – it was amazing.**

**"I spoke to Liam Daish after the game and he said to me it was the biggest moment in his managerial career, which shows what a massive achievement it is."**

**After the game, Brooks felt for the first time just how important the takeover has been for the club.**

**He said: "A couple of the ex-directors told me the club could not have made it without our takeover, which was nice. A couple of weeks before, Liam was told he would have to cut the player budget. Luckily we stepped in and the team have kept their players.**

**"It's also nice to know the former directors believe we have the club's best intentions at heart."**

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• Goalkeeper • Squad No 1 • Age 22: Ebbsfleet's number one for the majority of the season and often is a match winner with stunning stops. He began his career at Crystal Palace and is the England Conference team's player between the posts.

**PETER HAWKINS**
• Defender • Squad No 2 • Age 29: Predominantly a left-back throughout his career, six-footer Hawkins is tremendously adaptable and can also play on the right or in the centre if required. Hawkins played in the Football League for MK Dons in 2003.

**SACHA OPINEL**
• Defender • Squad No 3 • Age 31: The flamboyant Frenchman is a crowd favourite at Stonebridge Road and rarely lets the Fleet down. Left back, known for wearing his heart on his sleeve and never ducks out of a challenge.

**GARY MacDONALD**
• Defender • Squad No 4 • Age 27: MacDonald has been out injured with a horrible cruciate ligament injury for most of the season. The defender played under manager Liam Daish at Havant & Waterlooville in 2003. The former Woking player joined Fleet last summer.

**JAMES SMITH**
• Defender • Squad No 5 • Age 22: 'Smudger' is a highly rated central defender and is just coming back to fitness after injury. He has made 28 starts this season and has signed a new contract in April, which will keep him at Stonebridge Road until the end of next season.

**PAUL McCARTHY**
• Defender • Squad No 6 • Age 36: Irish defender and club captain. One of the more experienced members of the squad, McCarthy played his 100th game for Fleet in the autumn and has signed on for another year. He was part of the Wycombe side which reached the FA Cup semi-final in 2001.

**DANNY SLATTER**
• Midfielder • Squad No 7 • Age 26: Slatter has had an injury-plagued season which has kept him out of action for most of the campaign, only making four appearances. The former Welsh under-21 started his career as a trainee at Chelsea, before Liam Daish signed him from Welling United in 2005.

**STACY LONG**
• Midfielder • Squad No 8 • Age 22: Long is a creative midfielder with a deadly finish, chipping in with 15 goals which made him the top scorer at the club this season. His main weapon is his pace and he is a dead-ball specialist. Long has also played in the England Conference team and in the Football League with Notts County.

**RAPHAEL NADE**
• Striker • Squad No 9 • Age 27: Born in the Ivory Coast, Nade has made 25 starts this season and scored four goals. He can play on the right wing and is very strong in the air. Nade had Football League experience with Carlisle United. This is his first season at Ebbsfleet United.

**CHUKKI ERIBENNE**
• Striker • Squad No 10 • Age 27: Eribenne is a strong and physical striker who holds the ball up well and is a deadly finisher. He has scored nine times this season and played under Daish at Havant & Waterlooville in 2003. Eribenne's aerial presence can unsettle the best of defences.

**CHARLEY HEARN**
• Midfielder • Squad No 11 • Age 24: Joined Fleet on loan in March and is a solid central midfielder. He began his career at Millwall and played for Northampton Town back in 2004. He has not yet signed a deal to stay at Stonebridge Road for next season.

**CHRIS McPHEE**
• Midfield • striker • Squad No 12 • Age 24: Former Torquay United player can play at right back, right wing and up front. McPhee started his career at Brighton & Hove Albion and made 60 appearances. The striker has a clinical finish and is lethal from the penalty spot. He has scored 11 goals this season.

**NEIL BARRETT**
• Midfielder • Squad No 14 • Age 25: Started his career alongside Danny Slatter and John Terry as a trainee at Chelsea, before moving to Portsmouth where he made 23 appearances. The midfielder is a crisp passer of the ball and can either play in attacking or defensive roles.

# Can Fleet live the Wembley dream?

## GLENN PEARSON looks at the Kent club's chances ahead of the big game

ALL the hype, all the anticipation and all the planning ends next Saturday as Ebbsfleet experience their first FA Trophy final at Wembley.

Ever since Liam Daish's side beat Blue Square Premier champions Aldershot 4-2 on aggregate on March 15, all the talk has been of Wembley and the club's first appearance in the final.

Ebbsfleet's promotion charge faltered since then – and because of an action-packed fixture list – which meant they missed the play-offs by 12 points.

All of that will be forgotten if the Fleet lift the trophy in front of what should be an Ebbsfleet/Kent majority at Wembley.

Despite the Fleet's sluggish end to the season, they have been able to nurse back to fitness key players who will almost certainly see a shirt with their name on it, hanging in the Wembley dressing room.

Inspirational captain Patrick McCarthy missed nine game towards the end of the season, returning for the final three fixtures which means he will be fit and ready.

Strikers Chukki Eribenne and John Akinde also missed games towards the end of the campaign with niggling injuries, but they were able to get some much needed rest and should mean they go into the final all guns blazing.

Daish said: "We are starting to prepare for Wembley now but I have given the players active rest as a lot of them are tired. Next week we will start fully training again and really getting back to work for the final."

Ebbsfleet will have to be wary of Torquay's strike duo of Chris Zebroski and Tim Sills, while captain Chris Hargreaves is the engine room of the side.

They both recorded a win each when they faced one another in the league, and despite Torquay being 17 points ahead over the course of the season, that will all go out the window as they come to terms with the big Wembley surface.

Fleet are the home side and will occupy the England dressing room.

• ***For live match updates, match report and player interviews from Wembley, visit www.kentnews.co.uk.***

### FLEET'S ROAD TO WEMBLEY

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| **DECEMBER 15 –** | FLEET 4 (McPhee, 2, Akinde, Long) Carshalton 1 |
| **JANUARY 12 –** | Dorchester Town 0 FLEET 2 (Akinde, McPhee) |
| **FEBRUARY 2 –** | FLEET 1 (Barrett) Weymouth 0 |
| **FEBRUARY 23 –** | Burton Albion 0 FLEET 0 (quarter-final) |
| **FEBRUARY 26 –** | FLEET 1 (Long) Burton Albion 0 (quarter-final replay) |
| **MARCH 8 –** | Fleet 3 (McPhee,2, McCarthy) Aldershot Town 1 (semi-final first leg) |
| **MARCH 15 –** | Aldershot Town 1 FLEET 1 (Bostwick) (semi-final second leg) |

### EXPECTED FLEET LINE-UP

# Gulls flying toward final

THE FA Trophy final may not be the only time Torquay United make the long journey to Wembley this May.

The Gulls finished third in the Blue Square Premier which netted them a place in the lottery of the end of season play-offs. They were drawn against near rivals Exeter City and a positive result in the second leg to be played at Plainmoor on Monday, could see Torquay back in another final on May 18.

Ebbsfleet fans will secretly hope Torquay reach the play-off final as the Gulls could have an eye on the greater prize – promotion to the Football League.

Manager Paul Buckle saw his side finish level on points with second-placed Cambridge United after scoring 83 goals over the season.

Their good form in the league saw the club perform the role of underdogs as they knocked out League One side Yeovil Town after beating them 4-1 in the FA Cup.

It is a drastic change for a club that ended its 80-year stay in the Football League after being relegated at the end of last season.

What followed that became a much talked about point as Leroy Rosenior was hired and fired within 10 minutes after a consortium bought the club and felt he wasn't the man for them.

They offered the job to former Manchester City manager Keith Curle who turned them down, before chief executive Colin Lee tuned to Buckle.

The Gulls remained in the top reaches of the Blue Square Premier for the majority of the season thanks largely to their in-form strike partnership.

The strikeforce of Tim Sills and Chris Zebroski heralded 27 goals between them.

Zebroski was on target for the Gulls when they beat the Fleet 3-1 back in February, but that was only after the Kent side had the best of their first encounter at Stonebridge Road which they won 2-1 back in October thanks to goals from Luke Moore and Stacy Long.

### TORQUAY'S ROAD TO WEMBLEY

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| **DECEMBER 15 –** | **TORQUAY** 1 (Sills) Bashley 0 |
| **JANUARY 12 –** | Newport County 1 **TORQUAY** 2 (Hargreaves, 2) |
| **FEBRUARY 2 –** | AFC Wimbledon 0 **TORQUAY** 2 (Dsane, Phillips) |
| **FEBRUARY 23 –** | **TORQUAY** 4 (Mohamed, 2, Phillips, Dsane) Crawley Town 1 |
| **MARCH 7 –** | **TORQUAY** 2 (Sills, Phillips) York City 0 (semi-final) |
| **MARCH 15 –** | York City 1 **TORQUAY** 0 (Torquay through 2-1 on aggregate) |

**MARK RICKETTS**
• Defender • Squad No 15 • Age 23: Can play at right back or in the heart of the defence and has made the right-back position his own this season. Started his career at Wimbledon before moving to Charlton. Signed at Stonebridge Road in 2006.

**LIAM COLEMAN**
• Midfielder • No 16 • Age 21: Coleman is another player who has played for Torquay United, but he began his career at Colchester United. This season the talented midfielder has been a fringe player but has impressed when called upon by Daish.

**GEORGE PURCELL**
• Midfield • Striker • Squad No 17 • Age 19: The youngster worked his way through the youth ranks at Gillingham before joining Ebbsfleet United in 2006. Purcell, who was born in Gravesend, has plenty of pace and can play on the left wing as well as up front.

**LUKE MOORE**
• Midfield • Striker • Squad No 18 • Age 19: Moore graduated from Fleet's youth side and played his 100th game for the club in December. He can play on the right wing as well as up front and has lightening pace. Moore is highly rated by Daish and has scored four times in his last four games.

**JOHN AKINDE**
• Striker • Squad No 19 • Age 18: Hot prospect. He made his breakthrough halfway through the campaign. Has signed a contract for next season and is Ebbsfleet's quickest player. Has scored 10 goals in 21 games. He began the season on loan at Whitstable Town in Ryman Division One South.

**DAN STUBBS**
• Midfielder • Squad No 20 • Age 20: Another product of the club's youth scheme, Stubbs is an exciting midfielder who has shown potential to break into the first-team squad and performed admirably in pre-season friendlies.

**SAM MOTT**
• Goalkeeper • Squad No 21 • Age 19: A young goalkeeper who graduated from Fleet's youth team, signing a professional contract in 2006. Loaned out to Whitstable during 2005-06, he performed well there and put in some decent performances for the Fleet when deputising for Lance Cronin last season.

**LEE MASKELL**
• Midfielder • Squad No 23 • Age 18: Maskell is one of four players who progressed last season through the Conference Youth League scheme within the club. Has made a handful of appearances for the Fleet as a substitute and been on-loan at Sutton United.

**DARIUS CHARLES**
• Defender • Squad No 24 • Age 20: Ealing-born defender began as a trainee at Brentford in 2004 and signed professional forms in 2006. Started life as a central defender but was converted to a left-back by Terry Butcher at Brentford and can also play left midfield. Signed on loan for the Fleet in March.

**MICHAEL BOSTWICK**
• Midfielder • Squad No 25 • Age 19: Following his signing after an injury crisis at Stonebridge Road in August, Bostwick made his Fleet debut at Rushden & Diamonds. Although originally signed by Daish with an eye to providing cover in the centre of defence, Bostwick has featured heavily in the centre of midfield for the Fleet this season.

**RONNIE BULL**
• Defender • Squad No 28 • Age 27: Began his playing career at Fulham before moving to Millwall where it took off. While with the Lions, he played in the same youth side as Tim Cahill and Lucas Neill. On loan at Fleet until the end of the season. Usually deployed as a left back, he can also play on the right of defence and in midfield.

**LIAM DAISH**
• Manager • Age 40: In his playing career Daish played for Portsmouth, Cambridge United, Birmingham City and Coventry City before moving into management. He has made two Wembley appearances with Cambridge United in 1990 and with Birmingham City in 1995. Daish has international honours playing for Republic of Ireland form 1992-1996. His management career began at Havant & Waterlooville in 1999. He joined Ebbsfleet United in 2005 with assistant Alan Kimble.

**ALAN KIMBLE**
• Assistant Manager • Age 42: Played alongside Dion Dublin and Liam Daish at Cambridge before signing for Wimbledon in 1993 for £175,000. Established himself as a Premiership regular for the Dons, and was a dead-ball specialist. He joined Daish at Stonebridge Road in 2005 and has helped forge a great squad at the Fleet.

# SPECIAL REPORT: FA TROPHY FINAL 2008: EBBSFLEET UTD v TORQUAY UTD

**WEMBLEY STADIUM, SATURDAY, MAY 10. KICK-OFF 2.30PM**

## 'Savour this moment'

By GLENN PEARSON & TOM HOWARD

LIAM Daish is an old school kind of manager.

While players in higher divisions will call their manager 'the boss,' Ebbsfleet players refer to Daish as 'the gaffer' and you can see the respect they have for him.

He lives and breathes football. A man of few words, but a man that you know, come 3pm next Saturday, will know exactly what to say to his players experiencing Wembley for the first time.

### Experience

"I wish I could turn back the years and play at any stadium let alone Wembley, but the players have got to really take it in and enjoy it because I know from the experience that the whole day goes very quickly so every moment has got to be savoured," he said.

"It was quite a while ago that I was at Wembley but there is a real buzz about the place and I am really looking forward to it. It sends a bit of a tingle down my spine and I am sure it will do the same to the players when they see it."

**RETURN: Liam Daish said returning to Wembley sent a tingle down his spine** Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

Daish had a chance to look around Wembley on a media day last month and was impressed with the new-look stadium.

He last played at the old Wembley in the AutoWindscreen final for Birmingham in 1995 and is impressed with the new 90,000 capacity stadium.

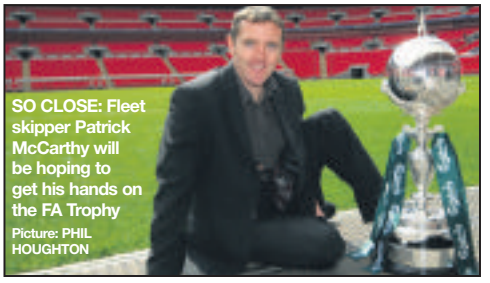
He said: "It's a magnificent stadium, very, very impressive. I am looking forward to the game and so are the players.

"It will be nice when the ground is full and the noise levels are up. It really hits home that it is a great day to look forward to.

"The fans are in for something special and I'm sure they will enjoy the whole day."

It has been a long journey for Daish and Ebbsfleet as a club. It started with the name change from Gravesend & Northfleet to Ebbsfleet, the historical takeover by website MyFootballClub.co.uk and now a first ever appearance at Wembley.

Whatever happens, it will be a memorable campaign and one that should further unite Kent football supporters.



**SO CLOSE: Fleet skipper Patrick McCarthy will be hoping to get his hands on the FA Trophy** Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

## Why Paddy is playing it cool

FLEET captain Patrick McCarthy is refusing to get carried away with the thought of playing at Wembley – until he is named in the team for Saturday's FA Trophy final.

The Ebbsfleet skipper has been a tower of strength at the back this season and despite suffering a succession of injuries, he is a player Liam Daish knows he can count on.

The 36-year-old was struck by the brilliance of Wembley when he was given a sneak preview at a media day last month and can't wait to get out on the pitch.

He said: "It's incedible really, it takes my breath away. It is worth every penny they spent on building it. The pitch is perfect and the stadium is just the best.

"I think we will start getting really excited when the team sheet is read out and if I'm on it, I'll be delighted."

McCarthy is shocked at the support the club has got from Kent and is looking forward to putting on a show for the 35,000 plus at Wembley.

He said: "It is incredible how the whole county has got behind us. Everyone you meet in the area is coming and it is really, really good for the club."

The tough-tackling centre-back knows what to expect from Torquay, but thinks the Fleet have earned the right to get in the final and his team mates will not freeze on the big stage.

"It will be a difficult game because they have been in the top two of the league all season," he said. "They are a very attacking side and we will have to be busy to stop them.

"We have a good team spirit at the club. We have had some tough ties along the way so I think we deserve to get to Wembley.

"We haven't done it the easy way, we played the champions of our league who have been the best club.

"There is nothing in comparison to this, it is incredible."

## The local lads

FOR three of the Ebbsfleet United players, the whole experience will have a slightly different meaning.

George Purcell, John Akinde and Luke Moore have all progressed through the youth team at the Gravesend club and the three local boys now find themselves playing at the home of English football.

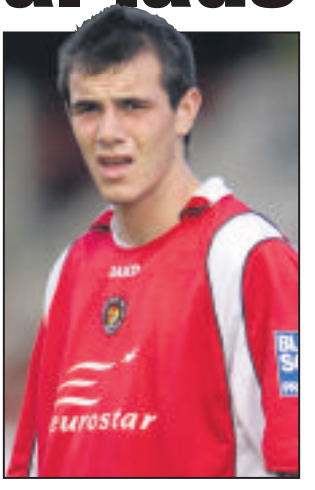
For promising striker Akinde, his season started at Ryman Division One South team Whitstable Town as an on-loan player. The 18-year-old was in desperate need of first team football and since then, he has broken into the Fleet first team and has become a distinctive figure in the Liam Daish's front line.

Akinde said: "I am feeling good and glad to be back from injury which has kept me out a few games towards the end of the season. To be representing my home town club at Wembley is something I cannot really explain to be honest. It will be an amazing experience and I just cannot wait. The year has been unbelievable really, I have been working really hard at Whitstable Town when I was on-loan. I hope I get the chance to play in the final."

Moore is another striker who has featured frequently in the first team and the youngster can't believe the situation that lies before him next Saturday.

He has been at the club since 2005 and has played more than 100 games for his home town club, and Daish rates him highly.

Moore: "It feels unbelievable and to be honest it still has not sunk in. You see it on television in the FA Cup and it just looked amazing. Wembley has only just opened really and two years ago I would never have believed we would be playing there."



**THE YOUTH OF TODAY: (left) John Akinde, (top) Luke Moore (above) George Purcell** Pictures: ADY KERRY

## Who'd have thought it?

By EBBSFLEET UTD REPORTER **TOM HOWARD**

WHAT a difference a year makes. Last year I was struggling at college trying to get my journalism qualifications and Ebbsfleet United were Gravesend & Northfleet. Now look at us, both at the terrific new Wembley stadium.

I have only been a sports reporter for eight months now and in my first month in the job I was given the task of covering Football League hopefuls Ebbsfleet United.

At first I was excited and a little bit intimidated as I hadn't encountered the club before as a football fan, and this was my first big job in my career.

However, I can't say I haven't enjoyed watching the Fleet play at Stonebridge Road – a ground which oozes character. I remember my first game in the press box being showered by flakes of paint, as the ball crashed off the roof of the wooden main stand.

In the league I have witnessed some breathtaking football, with 4-1 wins against Weymouth and Grays Athletic midway through the season.

There have been dull games too, but that has to be expected, you can't perform all the time. The extraordinary takeover by MyFootballClub has given me a wealth of stories and has given the tale of their excellent season an added edge.

### Winner

One thing that has stood out brighter more than anything this season, is the togetherness of the Fleet players and management.

For the majority of the games, I have seen players giving 100 per cent for each other on the pitch and being close friends off it. This was never more evident than in the latter stages of the FA Trophy run.

On a bitterly cold night at Stonebridge Road, Stacy Long pulled out all the stops with a winner in injury time and to see the players' reaction was the first time I thought they stood a real chance of making it to Wembley.

Both legs of the semi-final were games that will live long in my memory with the noise and the support from the crowd and the dramatic outcome of penalties in the first leg. In the second leg in the second half, I found myself willing them on which I know as a reporter is unprofessional, but as a football fan I desperately wanted them to do it. The celebrations at the final whistle epitomised the togetherness shown throughout the year. The players waited for the injured Danny Slatter, who has been on crutches due to an horrific injury, before they began the party on the pitch, a very nice touch I thought.

Now we both arrive at Wembley for the FA Trophy final, full of anticipation and hope awaiting the final chapter of Ebbsfleet 2007/08 to unravel. I for one, can't wait.

See KOS Media's behind the scenes look around Wembley ahead of the final at **www.yourkenttv.co.uk**

# Ups and downs

## Sports Editor GLENN PEARSON reviews the season and looks at how Kent clubs fared

**CHARLTON ATHLETIC:** A season that started out with so much promise ended on a flat note for the Addicks as they missed out on promotion to the Premier League.

After a good start to their Championship campaign, the Addicks were riding high at the top and occupied an automatic promotion spot. However, towards the final quarter of the season, Charlton's form dipped and they not only missed out on a automatic place, but also the play-offs to boot. **Position: 12th.**

**GILLINGHAM:** Where do we start? Ronnie Jepson lasted only six games before he departed Priestfield as Iffy Onoura and Mick Docherty took over until a new boss was found by chairman Paul Scally. Eventually, and after eight weeks, Mark Stimson was named the new boss. He had his work cut out from the start as a number of players were released and the club battled against relegation from League One on the final day at Leeds United. **Position: 22 (on 03/05)**

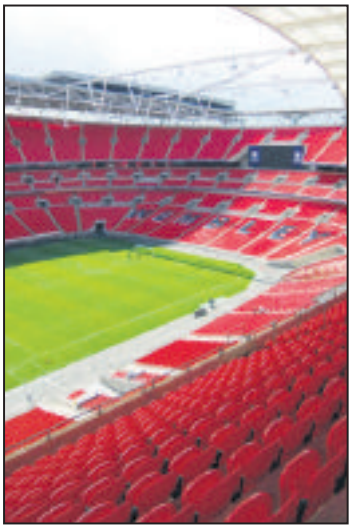
**EBBSFLEET:** The Fleet had a memorable season considering developments at the Gravesend club. They were the subject of a takeover by website MyFootballClub.co.uk, the first of its kind in British football history. On the field, the Fleet were in the hunt for a play-off spot all season, but came up just short at the end. However, the biggest success was in reaching the FA Trophy final at Wembley for the first time in the club's history. **Position: 11th.**

**BROMLEY:** The Lillywhites fell short of a play-off place in Blue Square South after a season of change. Manager Mark Goldberg stepped down midway through the season, leaving the path open for player/boss Simon Osborn to take over. However, just before the end of the season, chairman Jeremy Dolke announced he was selling the club as he could no longer put in the required investment. A few weeks later, Osborn announced he would also be stepping down. The club face an interesting summer break. **Position: 11th.**

**WELLING UNITED:** The Wings struggled for the majority of the season occupying a place near the bottom of Blue Square South. Manager Neil Smith was sacked at the beginning of January and the club brought in Andy Ford as manager. Ford did a good job towards the end as the club escaped relegation and they can look forward to an improved campaign next season. **Position: 16th**

**RAMSGATE:** The Rams were a real success in the Ryman Premier League this season. Manager Jim Ward led them to the play-offs, having occupied a place in the top eight for the majority of the campaign. They eventually lost their semi-final 2-1 to Staines Town in the week, but they can be proud of their achievements. Ramsgate also won the Isthmian Cup. **Position: 5th (play-offs)**

**TONBRIDGE ANGELS:** The Angels finished their season within a whisker of the play-offs, with new boss Tommy Warrilow guiding them out of relegation trouble and into the top eight.



BIG DAY OUT: Ebbsfleet missed out on the play-offs but have the FA Trophy final at Wembley to look forward to next weekend
Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

With the likes of Carl Rook around for a full season and a few more signings before pre-season starts, the Angels will be contenders for the play-offs next campaign. **Position: 8th.**

**MARGATE:** A horrendous amount of injuries curtailed the Blues chances of promotion and manager Robin Trott can count himself hard done by having lost his job two games before the end of the season. Inconsistency cost Margate as each time they had a chance to make a play-off place their own, they blew it. They will now hope to keep the likes of James Pinnock, Jay Saunders and Rob Haworth over the close season as they wait to find out who will be their new boss. **Position: 9th.**

**MAIDSTONE:** The Stones stayed up in the Ryman Premier League, but it took a final day victory at Folkestone Invicta to secure safety. The club started the season at the wrong end of the table before finding their feet midway through the campaign. However, a string of defeats towards the end of the season saw them almost make an immediate return to Ryman Division One South. Keeping senior players such as Ian Selley and Mark Saunders, mixed with some younger players, should see the Stones safe again next season. **Position: 17th.**

**FOLKESTONE INVICTA:** The season ended in disaster for manager Neil Cugley and his side with relegation on the final day. Invicta had given themselves a lifeline after coming from 3-1 down to beat Margate 5-4 in the penultimate game, but defeat to Maidstone on the final day means they will be playing Ryman South football next season. **Position: 21 (relegated).**

**DARTFORD:** The Darts capped off an excellent season with the Ryman Division One North title. Tony Burman's side led for the majority of the campaign and eventually saw off AFC Sudbury's threat with a game to spare. They will add extra spice to the Ryman Premier next season when they take on newly-promoted Dover. **Position: 1st (promoted)**

**DOVER:** The Whites ended up running away with the Ryman Division One South title and were worthy winners. They crushed pretty much everyone in their path and lost only four games the entire season. With the announcement manager Andy Hessenthaler signed a new two-year deal at the Crabble, the Whites are gunning for back-to-back promotions. **Position: 1st (promoted).**

**CRAY WANDERERS:** The Wands were the surprise package of the season who crept up from nowhere to end up as challengers to Dover. They finished a highly commendable second in the division thanks largely to an amazing 28 game unbeaten run. They finished in the play-offs at the end of the season and could be promoted if they win their final. **Position: 3rd (play-offs).**

**SITTINGBOURNE:** The Brickies started the season with Steve Lovell at the helm, but after his departure to Ashford with the club in the play-offs, non-league legend Gary Abbott took over and radically changed the make-up of the squad. He maintained a charge for the play-offs but in the end they came up just short. **Position: 9th.**

**ASHFORD TOWN:** There were a lot of comings and goings at the Homelands this season and in the end they came closer than expected to a play-off place. Clive Walker came in from Dover at the start of the season and after a fairly non-descript start, he was replaced by Steve Lovell. The new boss was given money to spend and he attracted a fair few players to the club. A late surge almost saw them reach the play-offs. A lot will be expected of them next season. **Position: 8th.**

**WHITSTABLE TOWN:** The Oystermen were strong finishers in the Ryman South as manager Marc Seager and his players came to terms with what is needed to stay in the division. If strikers Ian Pulman and David Cory can emulate their partnership of 20 goals from just 17 games, Whitstable will be one of the names near the top of the division rather than the bottom. **Position: 14th.**

**CHATHAM TOWN:** The Chats are a young side and manager Steve Binks has seen enough from them having beaten Dover twice this season, to know they have the potential for greater things next campaign. After Phil Miles quit mid season, Binks did an admirable job and will look to build on this season's achievements. **Position: 18th.**

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLES

### COCA-COLA LEAGUE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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| 1 Stoke City | 45 | 21 | 15 | 9 | 69 | 55 | +14 | 78 |
| 2 West Bromwich Albion | 44 | 22 | 11 | 11 | 85 | 54 | +31 | 77 |
| 3 Hull City | 45 | 21 | 12 | 12 | 65 | 46 | +19 | 75 |
| 4 Bristol City | 45 | 19 | 14 | 12 | 51 | 53 | -2 | 71 |
| 5 Watford | 45 | 18 | 15 | 12 | 61 | 55 | +6 | 69 |
| 6 Crystal Palace | 45 | 17 | 17 | 11 | 53 | 42 | +11 | 68 |
| 7 Wolverhampton Wdrs | 45 | 17 | 16 | 12 | 52 | 48 | +4 | 67 |
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| 9 Sheffield United | 45 | 17 | 15 | 13 | 54 | 48 | +6 | 66 |
| 10 Plymouth Argyle | 45 | 17 | 13 | 15 | 60 | 49 | +11 | 64 |
| 11 Burnley | 45 | 16 | 14 | 15 | 60 | 62 | -2 | 62 |
| **12 Charlton Athletic** | **45** | **16** | **13** | **16** | **59** | **57** | **+2** | **61** |
| 13 Cardiff City | 45 | 15 | 16 | 14 | 56 | 55 | +1 | 61 |
| 14 Queens Park Rangers | 45 | 14 | 16 | 15 | 60 | 64 | -4 | 58 |

### COCA-COLA FOOTBALL LEAGUE ONE

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| 15 Hartlepool United | 45 | 15 | 8 | 22 | 61 | 64 | -3 | 53 |
| 16 Bristol Rovers | 45 | 12 | 17 | 16 | 44 | 50 | -6 | 53 |
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| 18 Yeovil Town | 45 | 14 | 10 | 21 | 36 | 56 | -20 | 52 |
| 19 Crewe Alexandra | 45 | 12 | 14 | 19 | 46 | 61 | -15 | 50 |
| 20 Cheltenham Town | 45 | 12 | 12 | 21 | 40 | 63 | -23 | 48 |
| 21 Bournemouth (-10) | 45 | 17 | 6 | 22 | 61 | 71 | -10 | 47 |
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| 5 Burton Albion | 46 | 23 | 12 | 11 | 79 | 56 | +23 | 81 |
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| 3 Hampton & Richmond | 42 | 21 | 14 | 7 | 87 | 49 | +38 | 77 |
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| 9 Newport County | 42 | 18 | 12 | 12 | 64 | 49 | +15 | 66 |
| 10 Bishop's Stortford | 42 | 18 | 10 | 14 | 72 | 60 | +12 | 64 |
| **11 Bromley** | **42** | **19** | **7** | **16** | **77** | **66** | **+11** | **64** |
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| 14 Cambridge City | 42 | 14 | 10 | 18 | 71 | 72 | -1 | 52 |
| 15 Basingstoke Town | 42 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 54 | 75 | -21 | 50 |
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| 18 Bognor Regis Town | 42 | 11 | 11 | 20 | 49 | 67 | -18 | 44 |
| 19 St Albans City | 42 | 10 | 12 | 20 | 43 | 69 | -26 | 42 |
| R Weston-super-Mare | 42 | 9 | 10 | 23 | 52 | 85 | -33 | 37 |
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| 3 AFC Wimbledon | 42 | 22 | 9 | 11 | 81 | 47 | +34 | 75 |
| 4 AFC Hornchurch | 42 | 20 | 10 | 12 | 68 | 44 | +24 | 70 |
| **5 Ramsgate** | **42** | **19** | **11** | **12** | **67** | **53** | **+14** | **68** |
| 6 Ashford Town (Mx) | 42 | 20 | 6 | 16 | 79 | 65 | +14 | 66 |
| 7 Hendon | 42 | 18 | 11 | 13 | 67 | 67 | +12 | 65 |
| **8 Tonbridge Angels** | **42** | **17** | **12** | **13** | **77** | **57** | **+20** | **63** |
| **9 Margate** | **42** | **17** | **11** | **14** | **71** | **68** | **+3** | **62** |
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| 12 Heybridge Swiffs | 42 | 14 | 13 | 15 | 64 | 64 | 0 | 55 |
| 13 Wealdstone | 42 | 15 | 9 | 18 | 68 | 75 | -7 | 54 |
| 14 Hastings United | 42 | 15 | 8 | 19 | 58 | 67 | -9 | 53 |
| 15 Harlow Town | 42 | 13 | 13 | 16 | 56 | 52 | +4 | 52 |
| 16 Harrow Borough | 42 | 15 | 7 | 20 | 61 | 74 | -13 | 52 |
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| 18 Carshalton Athletic | 42 | 14 | 8 | 20 | 52 | 65 | -13 | 50 |
| R Boreham Wood | 42 | 15 | 5 | 22 | 56 | 73 | -17 | 50 |
| R East Thurrock United (-1) | 42 | 14 | 9 | 19 | 48 | 67 | -19 | 50 |
| **R Folkestone Invicta** | **42** | **13** | **10** | **19** | **49** | **70** | **-21** | **49** |
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| **C Dartford** | **42** | **27** | **8** | **7** | **107** | **42** | **+65** | **89** |
| 2 AFC Sudbury | 42 | 24 | 8 | 10 | 86 | 40 | +46 | 80 |
| 3 Redbridge (-1) | 42 | 24 | 9 | 9 | 70 | 43 | +27 | 80 |
| 4 Ware | 42 | 23 | 10 | 9 | 110 | 58 | +52 | 79 |
| 5 Canvey I | 42 | 23 | 10 | 9 | 81 | 39 | +43 | 79 |
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| **C Dover Athletic** | **42** | **30** | **8** | **4** | **84** | **29** | **+55** | **98** |
| 2 Tooting & Mitcham United | 42 | 26 | 8 | 8 | 88 | 41 | +47 | 86 |
| 3 Cray Wanderers | 42 | 25 | 11 | 6 | 87 | 42 | +45 | 86 |
| 4 Metropolitan Police | 42 | 24 | 3 | 15 | 69 | 47 | +22 | 75 |
| 5 Worthing | 42 | 22 | 7 | 13 | 77 | 49 | +28 | 73 |
| 6 Dulwich Hamlet | 42 | 20 | 10 | 12 | 68 | 47 | +21 | 70 |
| 7 Kingstonian | 42 | 20 | 10 | 12 | 66 | 52 | +14 | 70 |
| **8 Ashford Town** | **42** | **19** | **10** | **13** | **64** | **51** | **+13** | **67** |
| **9 Sittingbourne** | **42** | **20** | **7** | **15** | **66** | **58** | **+2** | **67** |
| 10 Burgess Hill Town | 42 | 18 | 8 | 16 | 61 | 57 | +4 | 62 |
| 11 Walton & Hersham | 42 | 15 | 12 | 15 | 65 | 62 | +3 | 57 |
| 12 Whyteleafe | 42 | 17 | 5 | 20 | 57 | 62 | -5 | 56 |
| 13 Croydon Athletic | 42 | 14 | 9 | 19 | 65 | 76 | -11 | 51 |
| **14 Whitstable Town** | **42** | **14** | **8** | **20** | **69** | **84** | **-15** | **50** |
| 15 Chipstead | 42 | 15 | 5 | 22 | 58 | 76 | -18 | 50 |
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| Erith Town | 28 | 13 | 10 | 5 | 58 | 30 | 28 | 49 |
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| Erith & Belvedere | 29 | 12 | 9 | 8 | 63 | 45 | 17 | 45 |
| Greenwich Boro | 29 | 12 | 8 | 9 | 41 | 32 | 9 | 44 |
| Deal Town | 29 | 10 | 5 | 14 | 55 | 58 | -3 | 35 |
| Sevenoaks Town | 28 | 8 | 6 | 14 | 49 | 57 | -8 | 30 |
| Faversham Town | 29 | 9 | 3 | 17 | 38 | 72 | -34 | 30 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 26 | 8 | 3 | 15 | 39 | 57 | -18 | 27 |
| Croydon | 30 | 7 | 5 | 18 | 34 | 61 | -27 | 26 |
| Slade Green | 28 | 6 | 6 | 16 | 35 | 69 | -34 | 24 |
| Lordswood | 27 | 6 | 5 | 16 | 36 | 57 | -21 | 23 |
| Holmesdale | 28 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 34 | 52 | -18 | 22 |
| Sporting Bengal | 31 | 4 | 4 | 23 | 29 | 112 | -83 | 16 |

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# Big Boro move for young gun Smalling

## Teen's Premier League dream comes true

EXCLUSIVE

By TOM HOWARD

IT IS most young footballers' dreams to play at Wembley and sign for a professional club, but for Maidstone United defender Chris Smalling, both have come true inside a week.

The 18-year-old Chatham Grammar schoolboy has agreed terms with Premier League side Middlesbrough after impressing academy manager Dave Parnaby while playing for the England Schoolboys. Next week he will make the trip to Middlesbrough for a medical before finalising the deal.

### Successful

The season has seen an impressive rise for Smalling, who only made his debut for the Maidstone United first team this season.

Since then, he has gone on to represent England Schoolboys in a successful Centenary Trophy campaign including a match against Scotland at Wembley last Saturday. This week he has made a step closer to becoming a Premier League footballer.

Smalling said: "It is fantastic to sign for the club, it is something I have always wanted to do, being a professional footballer and now that is becoming ever closer.

BIG TIME: Chris Smalling has signed for Premier League Middlesbrough

"I have spoken to the coaches at Middlesbrough and Gareth Southgate and they all appear to be really keen on me signing for them. I think I will go straight into the reserve team so I have got a lot of work to do to break into the first team. At least I have this opportunity.

"I am overjoyed with the week I have had. Most boys dream of playing at Wembley and signing for a professional team and now I have done that. It is hard to explain really. This season has been amazing and it has all just really come together.

"It was absolutely fantastic to play for England at Wembley last week. Just to walk out with all the mascots and see the crowd was something that I will always remember. The whole experience was really memorable as many players will never get to play there in their careers."

A number of clubs came in for Smalling including Gillingham, Fulham and Charlton, but he believes he has made the right move to go to Middlesbrough.

He said: "I have been training at Charlton once a week and the decision to sign for Middlesbrough was hard as I cannot say anything bad against the other clubs that came in for me.

"It was a big decision, but after being spotted by Dave Parnaby and listening to other members of the England Schoolboys – they spoke highly of Middlesbrough. You only have to look at the amount of young players they have developed so that was what swung it for me.

"I think I will have to bide my time a bit before I will get a chance in the first team at Middlesbrough. I will have to put a lot of hard work in.

"You only have to look at players that have come through, like David Wheater, to see it is possible and one day I hope I can make it as a Premiership footballer."

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WARNING: Gills manager Mark Stimson

# No rest for Gills squad

MARK Stimson has warned his players they will have their summer cut short and he intends to start preparing an overhaul of the team, starting next week.

The Gillingham boss was less than impressed with the squad he inherited when he joined the club in November last year and sought to clear out a number of players during the campaign.

After a season in which the club struggled to win matches, Stimson is looking forward to the summer.

He said: "I will be having a chat with the players on Tuesday and I will start my preparations for the new season then.

"I have used 40 players this season which is a lot, but I think the squad I have got now is really starting to gel and become the team I want at Gillingham.

"Most teams would probably say a squad of about 25, 26 players is needed to win things but we have had a difficult season. I just wish I had shipped a few players out quicker that did not fit in with my system.

"My first game in charge at Barnet was a real eye opener as to just how big the problem was. We were beaten all over the park and I knew I had to bring players in fast."

The Gills supremo also hopes the club can find a training base to ensure the team can bond together, rather than having to meet at Priestfield as they do at present.

He said: "Coming to the ground every day takes the edge away as we have to come here before we go to training. I want the players to get a buzz from when they step out on the pitch on match days."

# A1 finale to roar into Brands

THE WORLD Cup of motorsport will hit Kent this weekend, as Brands Hatch hosts the finale of the A1 Grand Prix season with Great Britain looking to emulate last year's victory.

Team GBR driver Robbie Kerr will be the name that a bumper crowd will be cheering on as he looks to compete with drivers from all over the world in completely identical cars.

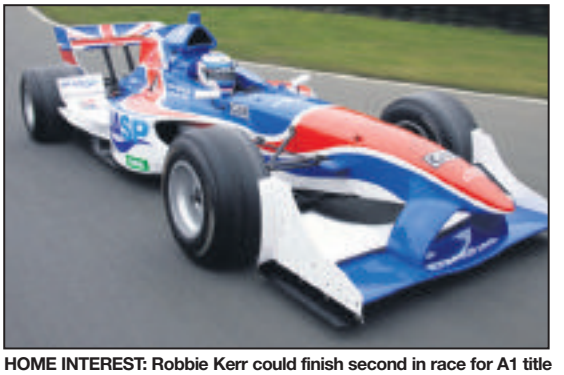
Great Britain have had a solid season, lying in fourth position in the standings on 99 points and it is not mathematically impossible for the team to finish second in the championship, behind leaders Switzerland.

The team have only one win to their name this season, coming at Zandvoort with Oliver Jarvis behind the wheel but for the final round, Kerr will take the seat.

Kerr said: "The A1 events at Brands Hatch will be something I will always remember as it was the first time I could hear the noise of the crowd over the sound of the engines. The circuit is close to most drivers' hearts and because you are representing your country. It is great to be the person representing your country as we have always gone well at Brands Hatch and I think we will be on the podium."

With all the cars identical, the rival series to Formula One is a real test of driver and team skill.

Kerr added: "It is a different series and there is a different programme behind it. Formula One is there to push the technical advancement of racing cars whereas we are here as a one-make series giving each nation the best opportunity to perform. We are in a controlled environment and it is just purely down to the driver and the team to go out and beat the opposition."



HOME INTEREST: Robbie Kerr could finish second in race for A1 title

# Oar-inspiring duo

A RECORD breaking rowing pair are looking to extend their run of victories to 10 straight annual wins in Herne Bay today.

Ryan Hosking, 29, and Darren Ingram, 28, will compete for the historic Viking Shield at their home club of Herne Bay.

The duo, who live in Westgate-on-Sea, hold the record at nine straight wins in the shield coxless pairs and want to extend their run to an unprecedented 10th straight win.

Competition comes from Deal, Dover and Folkestone rowing clubs with other teams from the south of England also taking part.

There will also be a full programme of men's, women's and junior races from 9am to 2pm at the club in Western Esplanade, Herne Bay.

# Pre-season tests for Addicks

TWO Kent non-league clubs will help Charlton Athletic prepare for their assault on promotion to the Premier League next season.

The Addicks will play at Stonebridge Road against Ebbsfleet United and Dartford at Princes Park in the run-up to the 2008-09 campaign, the preparation for which has been advanced with the news that new chief executive Steve Waggott will begin work on Tuesday, eight weeks earlier than anticipated.

Waggott will also take on responsibility for player recruitment from football club chairman Richard Murray.

Addicks plc chairman Derek Chappell explained: "Steve will work closely with manager Alan Pardew over the summer to re-shape the first-team squad in readiness for what we all hope will be a successful 2008-09 season."

There will be no long summer break for Charlton's players, however, as Pardew is bringing his squad in for fitness sessions in early June.

"We're probably going to come in midway through the summer to make sure we hit the ground running next year," he said. "We have to be stronger and fitter and prepared for a tough season next year."

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# BACK IN THE GAME

## Kemp's relief as ECB give player thumbs up to play for Kent after spell in controversial Indian series

By **GLENN PEARSON**

JUSTIN Kemp turned down the chance to play in the multi-million pound Indian Premier League to ensure he could play for Kent this season – a decision that proved less than easy.

After three months of waiting, the burly South African all-rounder finally received clearance to play for Kent this week, and he will line-up for them at Hove in the Friends Provident Trophy at Hove this afternoon.

Having his application rejected twice by the England and Wales Cricket Board for playing in the unauthorised Indian Cricket League (ICL), Kemp admits there was a time he thought his county career would be at an end.

In an interview with Kent on Sunday, Kemp said he wanted to return to the club after the 2006 season and is delighted to be back at Canterbury.

He said: "I am relieved everything has been sorted. It has been an anxious couple of months and I am just happy to be able to play cricket for Kent now.

"It was pretty nerve wracking to be honest and it was bit like being in a court of law. I have not been that nervous in a while as the QC delivered his verdict.

"I was confident I had done the right thing to the best of my knowledge, but it didn't stop me being nervous. I am now really relieved.

### Confident

"I absolutely thought I might not get to play for Kent. I could have gone elsewhere but I knew I had done everything right. It wasn't a decision made on the spur of the moment and I was confident the panel would see I was committed to playing for Kent."

The 30-year-old hopes the issue will not be a problem for cricketers in the future and feels the ICL was an event that should be given more respect.

He said: "When I got to India I was apprehensive about what was going to happen with my Kent career. There was some good cricket being played and although I was a bit unsure at the start, I see it as a worthwhile experience.

"I think everyone knows where they stand now and hopefully this type of thing won't happen again. I think the ICL has been painted in the wrong way, as all we wanted to do was play cricket. The Indian youngsters had learned a lot and what you must remember are these guys playing in the tournament are not affecting world cricket at all.

"If I'd known what I know now, I wouldn't have signed the contract with the ICL."

The former South African Test and one-day star is grateful to the club for standing by him over the last few months, but doesn't feel there is any added pressure because of all the hype surrounding his registration with Kent.

He said: "There is always pressure when you walk out on a cricket field but I don't think it would have been any other way. I chose to play in the ICL over the IPL for Kent. I could have gone the IPL route and made more money for myself but I wanted to be available for every game for Kent."

All he wants to do now is let his cricket do the talking and that, he hopes, will be at Canterbury for the rest of his career.

"You do not quite understand how much you love this game until there is the threat of it being taken away from you," he said.

"I would love to see my future out at Kent, that's where I see myself finishing. I think I have about five or six years of good cricket left in me and I want to stay here."

Coach Graham Ford went to the appeal meeting to support his player and knows how much it means to his fellow countryman.

He told Kent on Sunday: "Obviously it's a huge relief for him, and I am really pleased for because his career looked to be in a mess as all he would have is Twenty20 cricket all year and that wouldn't have been good.

"For Kent, he is a guy that makes a contribution on the field and is a massive off-field influence too, helping the younger players improve which is positive from that point of view."

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